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Top Sikh shot The head priest of the Sikhs' highest religious order was shot and wounded by a group of youths in a village in Punjab.

VE Day service A service of commemoration in Westminster Abbey on May 8 is being considered as the centenary of Britain's VE Day celebrations.

Fight threat Eddie Thomas, manager of Welsh challenger Colin Jones, threatened to pull out of Saturday's World Boxing Association welter-weight title bout against Don Curry...

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Court ruling puts pits chief in 'exile'

The High Court yesterday confirmed that Mr Henry Richardson is the general secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners' union, but stripped him of many of his powers.

Thames deal angers ITV network 'Dallas' poached from BBC

Thames Television has poached Dallas from the BBC, making it Britain's most expensive American soap opera and almost certainly taking the unscrupulous antics of J R Ewing off most television screens in Britain.



The Prince and Princess of Wales visiting Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey, yesterday. They drove through deep snow from Sandringham to fly to Heathrow. Photograph: Julian Herbert

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Reagan aide gloomy on space weapons accord

President Reagan conferred with his chief arms negotiators yesterday on prospects for the forthcoming superpower arms control talks.

The Dorchester Sultan of Brunei pays £43m for London hotel

The Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane, London, has been sold to the Sultan of Brunei for more than £43 million in the biggest single hotel deal in Britain.

Pound down too far, says Thatcher

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Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Defence Minister, claimed yesterday that if massacres took place on Lebanese territory evacuated by Israeli troops next month, it would be the direct responsibility of the Lebanese Government and the indirect responsibility of the United Nations.

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Advertisement for Harrods Sale featuring Philips Solariums. Includes text: 'With electronic timer, indicator memory and automatic switch-off. Easy to store, adjustable height. Made in Holland.' and 'Reductions on PHILIPS Solariums'.

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# TUC moves to expel two unions who took ballot aid

**By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor**

TUC leaders set in motion disciplinary procedures yesterday which could lead to the expulsion of two large unions, the electricians and engineers, for accepting state finance for secret ballots.

But the punishment may never be carried out because the unions agreed to delay for at least two months a final decision and moves are afoot to change the policy.

The TUC's employment policy and organization committee voted 12 to 7 to invoke disciplinary rule 13, which permits suspension and expulsion, to make the engineers and electricians conform to the policy of non-co-operation with certain labour laws.

But the union have adopted a softer approach than yesterday's decision might suggest. The general council will be recommended to return the issue to the finance and general purposes committee for an inquiry which will take several months.

A proposal from Mr David Bassett, leader of the General Municipal and Boilermakers Union and a key figure in the centre-right coalition which holds power on the general council, for a special conference to ensure that TUC policy has the full support of its affiliates was thrown out unceremoniously.

Another suggestion, that the TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, should report to the general council was also rejected, by 13 votes to six.

Union leaders were left with the delaying tactic proposed in a Congress House policy paper. That was approved.

If the general council agrees next week to proceed under rule

# Forty peers line up for live TV debate

**By Julian Haviland, Political Editor**

Members of the House of Lords are competing vigorously to appear next week in the first live television showing of a British parliamentary debate.

With a week still to lapse before Wednesday's debate on the economy, the exceptional number of more than 40 peers had signified by last night their intention to speak.

Some are likely to drop out, but several others are expected to come forward. If the numbers do not shrink the debate is likely to last until well past midnight, although the BBC's main transmission will stop shortly after 7pm.

The debate, on the motion of a Labour peer, is on the need for the Government to develop economic and social policies which unite the nation.

The show is likely to be stolen by Lord Stockton of Ovenden formerly Mr Harold Macmillan, who will be 91 next month and whose maiden speech in the Upper House last November was universally acclaimed.

Although Lord Stockton was the thirtyfifth peer to put his name down, he is likely to be heard fifth, by virtue both of respect for age and of public demand.

The Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, is to make his maiden speech which has been awaited with some interest since his criticism of the Government last October for persisting in the "politics of confrontation".

Another maiden speech is due from Lord Monkswell, who is due to take his seat for the first time that day. Formerly Mr Gerard Collier, Lord Monkswell will be only the seventeenth hereditary peer on the Labour side.

He is also notable, since he is the first son of a peer who has disclaimed a peerage to have established his right to succeed to the title.



Light refreshment: Two men of the Light Infantry, Private Peter Morris, playing king of Prussia, and Private Carl Davies as a Napoleonic era infantryman, at rehearsals for the tercentenary pageant of 12 Army regiments at the Royal Albert Hall tonight (Photograph: John Voos).

# Belgrano delay for defence chief

**By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent**

The Prime Minister said yesterday that Lord Lewin, Chief of the Defence Staff and member of the so-called War Cabinet during the 1982 Falklands conflict, was not immediately told of the initial sighting of the General Belgrano at 2 pm on May 1, and that he had given mistaken evidence to a Commons select committee on foreign affairs.

Mrs Thatcher said that Lord Lewin had correctly told the committee last year that the Argentine cruiser had first been sighted on the afternoon of May 1.

But in a letter to Mr George Foulkes, a Labour front-bencher, she then added: "Although HMS Conqueror's signal was received in Northwood and the Ministry of Defence on the afternoon of May 1 and both the Task Force Commander and senior staff in the Ministry of Defence were aware of the report at that time, Lord Lewin himself had no knowledge of this and his belief that it was received around midnight was mistaken."

As to the timing at which Lord Lewin was informed, it has not been possible for some two years after the event to establish with certainty why he was not told sooner.

"However, the key development, which led to the subsequent consideration of a change in the rules of engagement, was the clear and unambiguous indications of the threat posed by Argentine warships on 2 May."

Lord Lewin informed ministers of that threat at 1 pm on May 2 and the rules of engagement were changed to allow the sinking of the cruiser, with the subsequent loss of 368 lives.

A further signal was sent by Conqueror, and received by Northwood at 4.40 pm, that the Belgrano had reversed course back towards Argentina, but ministers were not told of that signal until the following November.

Mrs Thatcher also told Mr Foulkes: "The conflict emphatically underlined the fundamental principle that, in any such

# Anger over inquiry into police and pits strike

Mr Enoch Powell, Official Unionist Party MP for Down, South, yesterday led an outcry over the European Parliament's decision to set up a special inquiry committee into police action in the miners' strike.

Now pressure is mounting on the Prime Minister and Mr Leon Brittan the police secretary, to order the police forces throughout the country and other interested parties to refuse to co-operate in the inquiry.

Mrs Thatcher will face a barrage of questions in the Commons today from angry Tory MPs.

Mr Powell said yesterday that the decision to hold an inquiry would "teach people some of the consequences of creating a directly elected European assembly."

Mr Nicholas Winterton, Conservative MP for Macclesfield, said: "This is an unacceptable and gross interference into the affairs of a member state. I hope the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary will make a statement indicating that we will ignore any of its findings and will play no part in the inquiry."

"This is an indication of the gradual erosion of national sovereignty of individual EEC countries. The Common Market is no longer an economic community, but day by day becomes much more a political community."

Mr Harry Greenway, Conservative MP for Ealing North, said: "I hope police forces will not co-operate. I shall be raising this issue in Parliament with the Prime Minister urging her to disown this scandalous and deliberate attempt to undermine Britain's internal affairs by meddling Labour MEPs."

The number of miners abandoning the 10-month-old pit strike is increasing, and the National Coal Board expects this week's returns to be the highest so far this year.

The coal board said that 340 "new faces" reported for work yesterday, bringing the total for the week so far to 2,283.

Mining equipment worth £500,000 written off because management staff involved in salvaging it from a coalface are needed on production work, the coal board said yesterday.

The Lion 299 face at Bates colliery, Blyth, Northumberland, had stopped producing coal before the pit strike began last March, but miners had been salvaging machinery and equipment for use elsewhere.

The High Court case in which Mr Arthur Scargill and other National Union of Mineworkers leaders are accused of conspiring to assault working miners will begin today when 19 working miners will seek temporary injunctions banning mass pickets and banning the spending of cash by the union on picketing which is not peaceful and therefore, it is claimed, not lawful.

# SAS man shot dead on firing range

A joint Army and police investigation is to be mounted into the death of Sergeant Raymond Abbotts, aged 31, of the Special Air Service Regiment (SAS) who died of gunshot wounds during training at the regiment's headquarters in Hereford yesterday.

The Ministry of Defence said that the incident happened on an army range at Hereford but would not say whether the training was target practice or a more elaborate exercise.

A spokesman said five ammunition was regularly used in training areas with ranges and by all regiments. "You cannot expect to train a man in accurate marksmanship without using live ammunition."

The SAS has a 750-acre training area next to the village of Abbey Dorset. Villagers have frequently complained of full-scale mock battles, often held at night, involving explosions, helicopters, powered hang gliders and parachute drops.

Sergeant Abbotts was single. The MoD could not say when an inquest would be held. West Mercia police referred inquiries to the ministry.

# Farm union presses for higher pay

Britain's 325,000 farm workers are to press for substantial pay rises after publication on Tuesday of government figures which show that farmers' incomes last year rose by 22 per cent. Mr Jack Boddy, national secretary of the farmworkers section of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said he would be pressing for a basic of £130 for a 35-hour week.

Farmworkers' average earnings are £123 for a 46-hour week, compared with the average industrial wage of £162 for a 40-hour week. Mr Boddy said he wanted the farmworker's basic wage raised to £130, which, with overtime, would increase the take-home pay to about that of the average industrial worker.

The National Farmers' Union, which represents employers on the Agricultural Wages Board, will resist the claim.

# Lobby rule changes debated

**By Our Political Correspondent**

Parliamentary lobby reporters held a closed-door meeting at the House of Commons last night to debate proposed changes in the rules under which they are formally briefed by No 10 Downing Street staff, ministers and opposition party leaders.

Although it was said that there was public interest in the operation of political briefings, it was held on a non-attributable basis. It was decided by 24 votes to four that the meeting should be private.

Mr Glyn Mathias, political editor of Independent Television News and lobby chairman, said afterwards that there would be a ballot of lobby reporters on a proposal for "permissive" change of rules to enable ministers or opposition spokesmen to speak on the record in a lobby briefing if that is mutually agreed.

# Whales beached

Villagers, fishermen and RSPCA officials tried in vain to save 34 stranded pilot whales yesterday on the coast near Spurn Head in Humberside.

# Toy soldiers gallop to dollar's tune

**By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent**

Toy soldiers showed at Phillips' Toy Auction yesterday that they were dollar-linked (rather than sterling) commodities when a new auction record for a set of lead soldiers was made at £7,920. It was a Royal Horse Artillery six-horsegun team at the gallop with a limber, a gun, four mounted gunners and a mounted officer.

The set was made briefly in 1940 and 1941. Its extreme rarity involves the soldiers wearing steel helmets: in a much more common set they wear peaked caps. An identical set of steel-helmeted gunners was sold two months ago for £6,820, then the top auction price and predating the slide in the pound.

In New York on Tuesday, Christie's started the new year with an important sale of Old Master paintings totalling £3.3 million.

The star turn was a 1645 river landscape by Salomon van Ruysdael which sold for \$418,000 (estimate \$150,000 to \$250,000) or £366,666.

# RUC man told to lie over killing

Senior Royal Ulster Constabulary officers invented an account of a killing in Northern Ireland so that an officer would not have to reveal he was working on Special Branch information.

The sergeant was ordered to change his account of the shooting near Lurgan, Co Armagh, in which a teenage died and another was seriously wounded, Belfast Crown Court was told yesterday.

Sergeant T. T. T. said that after the hushed shooting he told senior officers what occurred when Michael Tighe, aged 17, was shot dead by an RUC anti-terrorist unit.

The officer told the trial of Martin McCauley, seriously injured in the incident who is charged with possessing three rifles, that he was given an invented account and told that under no circumstances was he to disclose that he was working on Special Branch information.

The officer said his fictitious account alleged he had seen a gunman running from a cottage to the shed but the true account was that a man was standing inside with a rifle.

One policeman had shouted a warning and then he and a colleague fired two bursts.

Mr McCauley denies possessing three elderly rifles, only one of which had a bolt.

The hearing continues today.

# Falklands get pledge on self-rule

**By Rodney Cowton**

The right of self-determination for Falkland Islanders is to be enshrined in a proposed new constitution for the islands. A revised constitution has been under consideration for two years. It is seen primarily as a tidying-up operation, pulling together elements of the present constitution which are contained in a large number of documents.

A draft of the new constitution is being considered by the legislative council of the Falkland Islands, and the fact that Mrs Thatcher had agreed to the right of self-determination being enshrined in the constitution is said to have been greeted with great enthusiasm in the islands.

There has been concern among the islanders that Britain's other dependencies in the South Atlantic - South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands - are to be given a constitution separate from that of the Falkland Islands.

The Government appears to have made a concession to the islanders' feelings by proposing that as an administrative convenience the dependencies should continue to be administered by the Civil Commissioner of the Falkland Islands, at present Sir Rex Hunt.

Local authorities would have to take a tough line with private homes for the elderly and disabled under new legislation that came into effect on January 1, if Britain was not to see the worst excesses of commercially-based care which had occurred in the United States and Australia, a conference was told yesterday.

Prof Malcolm Johnson, Professor of Health and Social Welfare at the Open University said that the evidence from America and Australia was that failure to insist on high standards from the start led to malpractice, "astronomical" costs, and "shameful examples of public failure causing private misery".

He told a conference in London, organized by Age Concern and the local authorities association that with the Department of Health and Social Security financing increasing numbers of the elderly in private homes, public as well as private money was involved. Local authorities would be challenged by home owners angry at the costs of better care.

# Detained Briton visited by wife

Mrs Pat Plummer was briefly reunited yesterday with her husband, Robin, one of the four Britons detained in Libya, in the detainees' new quarters outside Tripoli. She said that her husband was well and that all her worries were relaxed since they had been moved.

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, also visited the four yesterday has still not been given a date by the Libyan authorities when a decision on the Briton's fate will be made.

# BBC transmitter plan ruled out

An application from the BBC for new radio transmitters for its World Service to be erected at Bearley, near the Royal Shakespeare Company's theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, was rejected yesterday by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment.

The RSC feared that the six transmitters, with 300 foot towers, would affect the workings of delicate electrical stage equipment at the theatre.

# Battle lines are drawn on regional aid

**By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent**

The Government's new and contentious economic policy for the regions today gets its first full Commons battering from the Opposition and almost certainly from many Conservatives aggrieved that their areas have not been granted special treatment.

While the Government is unlikely to suffer any embarrassing defeat from today's debate, it is sure to face a deal of carping criticism. regional policy is one of those issues on which no government can ever win unanimity of satisfaction.

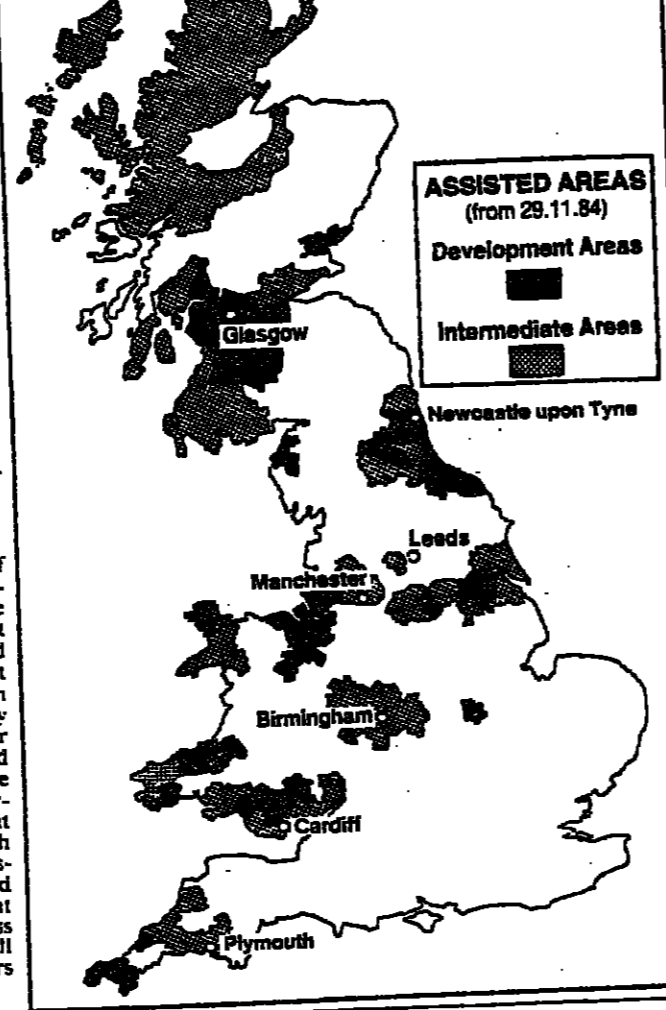
The re-drawn map of Britain's assisted areas was disclosed at the end of November by Mr Norman Lamont, the Minister of State for Industry, after several years of investigation and study and 12 months of lobbying by a varied group of interested parties. His reception was far from enthusiastic, nobody welcomed the money in the way of public money is handed out to industry and commerce, except the Treasury, which applauded the predicted £300 million cut in regional aid spending by 1987-88.

Predictably, Mr John Smith, the shadow trade spokesman, said at the time that the revamped policy ensured only that a much reduced amount of jam was spread more thinly, but Mr Roger Gale, the Conservative MP for Thanet North, said Mr Lamont had gone "nowhere near far enough. We would like to see, instead of regional aid, sectoral aid which would help industry country-wide".

The new policy, which replaces one that most industrialists and civil servants agreed had become too costly and out-of-date, concentrates on job-creating investment under a streamlined two-tier system.

The old development and special development areas are to be replaced by development areas with the second tier comprising intermediate areas where only selective assistance will apply. Automatic grants in the new development areas will be limited to a cost per job of £10,000 which compares with £35,000 per job in the 1970s.

Charges of inflexibility and of doing little to rectify the deep-seated disparities between the distressed and more affluent regions are likely to be laid against the Government. But today's government motion leaves little scope for a Tory revolt. It welcomes the closer alignment of the new assisted area map to areas' relative needs for increased employment opportunities, agrees that it is right, at a time of high unemployment, to relate assistance more directly to jobs, and calls on MPs to approve that "the increased cost effectiveness of regional assistance will enable the burden on tax payers to be substantially reduced."



# Jenkin to meet Labour group fighting rate-capping

**By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent**

But a departmental spokesman said yesterday that he would meet councillors collectively, including it seems representatives of Liverpool, which is not being rate-capped in 1985-86.

Mr Jenkin also seems to have abandoned the date announced as final deadline for appeals against rate-capping figures - Tuesday of this week. The "final" deadline was yesterday declared to be January 24, when the Government plans to lay parliamentary orders fixing limits for the 18 councils (16 of them Labour) facing a cap on their rates.

Determination not to be picked off by Mr Jenkin in separate deals was the keynote of yesterday's meeting of the Local Government Campaign Unit, which, although it nominally represents some 45 councils, is the vehicle of Labour councils facing rate-capping.

The Labour leaders said that their ambition was to force the Government to repeal the Rates Act, 1984, and to encapsulate the 1980 and 1982 Acts, which set the present system of penalties and targets. In addition, they wanted extra rate support grant of £4 billion to meet them.

The group is to write to Mr Jenkin indicating an intention to meet him.

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# Cold causes cancellation of hospital admissions

**By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent**

The weather has led to the cancellation of scores of hospital admissions and operations in and around London.

The emergency bed service, which helps family doctors find beds, has declared a "yellow alert", asking hospitals to cut back non-urgent admissions. Some hospitals have gone on "red alert", cancelling all routine cases on some days.

Miss Monica Craig, administrator of the service, whose future has been under threat as the four Thames regions question its £400,000 annual budget, said fractures and falls combined with the seasonal rise in chest complaints of bronchitis, congestive heart failure and hypothermia in the elderly was putting extreme pressure on hospitals.

"They are having quite a few problems in admitting emergency patients. Most orthopaedic wards are overflowing, putting pressure on other beds."

A further deterioration in the weather could lead to the first "red alert", asking hospitals to cancel all non-urgent admissions, since the 1970s, she said.

Hospitals facing particular difficulties include those in Hillingdon, Bromley and Newham. The Mayday hospital in Croydon said it had had to go on "red alert", cancelling waiting list cases for the day on four times in the past 10 days, including yesterday.

# Airlines cut fares to Spanish cities

Cuts of up to 45 per cent on scheduled flights to Spain from April were announced by British Airways and Iberia yesterday. They will be available on off-peak flights from Heathrow, Gatwick and Manchester to Madrid, Malaga and other Spanish cities with the biggest cuts available in July and September.

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# Nalگو vote

Thousands of electricity workers have voted for industrial action in support of a 25-hour week. The National and Local Government Officers' Association said yesterday. But little effect on power supplies is expected.

# Cruise protest

A cruise missile left Greenham Common in Berkshire early yesterday, amid protests from peace campaigners, that vehicles known to have poor road handling should be allowed out in icy conditions.

# Sinn Fein wins video reward for electricity bill

Sinn Fein, political arm of the IRA, has been given a video recorder by the Irish Republic's electricity board in a scheme to encourage customers to pay promptly.

Sinn Fein's paid-up account in central Dublin was chosen by computer from 1,200,000 qualifying consumers in a monthly draw.

An electricity board spokesman said yesterday. "The number was checked to see if the account was paid within 14 days."

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Private	16,000	30,000	50,000

\*Estimated; all numbers approximate.



# MPs call for 80mph limit and tougher driving test to improve road safety

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

An all-party group of MPs called yesterday for a trial 80 mph speed limit on motorways in spite of its rejection by transport ministers last month. The proposal was promptly condemned by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, whose director of road safety, Mr Michael Read, described it as "misguided". Higher speeds would lead to more death and injury RSPA said. The organisation is to press ministers to resist the MPs proposal.

The committee had been very carefully considered. The committee members felt that it would improve safety by getting rid of the "convoy situation" which had developed since coach and lorry speeds were increased last year.

The MPs' proposal was supported by the Association of Chief Police Officers, and was also welcomed yesterday by the Automobile Association. The 80 mph limit would apply only to cars and would have to be rigidly enforced, Mr Cowans said.

The committee's report, which was compiled after a two-year study, says that although deaths and injuries have declined during the past decade while road traffic in Britain has grown, accidents still cost £2.4 billion a year and are "far too high".

The committee recommends that a longer driving test should be considered. The MPs also say the recommended level for drink-drive offences should be reconsidered.

The Department of Transport said last night it would be having a "long hard look" at the report and hoped to improve road safety with the committee's help. Road Safety, House of Commons 103-1, Stationery Office, £5.55

## 'Double company-car tax'

The licence fee should be doubled for company cars, and tax allowances scrapped, according to the environment group, London Amenity and Transport.

Company cars account for half of new car registrations and cost £1,500 million a year in tax evasion, equivalent to a £75 subsidy from every household.

Tax evasion includes claims for commuting mileage, and fuel for leisure journeys or siphoned off from the company car in a two-car household.

Other illegalities include turning the mile-meter after two years' intensive use; a practice which adds £1,000 to the price of a car. Company cars should be phased out over a period, with doubling of tax as a first step.

The Company Car Factor (London Amenity and Transport, 3 Stamford Street, London SE1. £3).

## High failure rate in bus tests

By Michael Horsnell

Concern about the safety of Britain's 65,000 buses mounted yesterday after the Department of Transport disclosed that nearly half of them failed their annual Public Service Vehicle test last year.

But the figures were criticized as misleading by the larger operators, who privately allege that they have been published to support the Government's bus privatization plans.

According to the Department of Transport, only 60 per cent of the 14,000 buses run by the state-owned National Bus Company, the largest operator

in the country, which is now at the centre of privatization proposals, passed the test first time.

An alarming 53 per cent of London Transport's 5,000 buses failed; and only 49 per cent of Passenger Transport Executive buses in the Metropolitan areas, and 67 per cent of local authority buses, passed. About 56 per cent of the 28,000 private buses passed the annual test.

The figures were hotly disputed by London Transport, which said 65 per cent of its buses passed first time, and a further 29 per cent after the

most minor adjustments, while still in the test centre.

A spokesman said: "These are terribly misleading figures put out by the Department. A bus can fail because a piece of chewing gum is found on the bottom of a seat, because an internal light bulb needs replacing or because of a scratch in the paintwork."

A spokesman for the National Bus Company said only 12 per cent of buses failed after minor rectification and that no more than 6 per cent of failures are caused by mechanical defects.



Dummy run: Nicholas Treadwell, the gallery owner (left), discussing Graham Ibbeson's "Doppelgänger", with the sculptor Gordon Gouier before the opening today of the second International Contemporary Art Fair at Olympia, London. (Photograph: Jonathan Player)

## Code for keeping animals in school

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Schools in England and Wales are crawling with animals large and small, from goats, gerbils, chickens and cockroaches to poultry, pigs, and sometimes cattle, according to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Such is the volume of queries from schools about how to look after the creatures that the society has produced guidelines telling them which animals they should keep and how they should look after them.

Small mammals, such as gerbils, mice, rats, guinea pigs and rabbits are suitable, it says, although hamsters may not be because they like to sleep during the day and become aggressive when tickled by inquisitive children. Birds, fish and certain amphibians are also considered suitable by the society.

However invertebrates, such as stick insects, locusts and American cockroaches, should be kept only for up to half a term, the society advises. "Invertebrates should not be exposed to any stress and should be seen to be treated with as much respect as vertebrates."

Animals on the unsuitable list are wild mammals and wild birds (because they can transmit disease); carnivores (because they may like to eat children); primates (because it is against the law) and amphibians.

If there is a good educational reason for keeping an amphibian, schools may do so, but they should return them to their natural habitat as soon as possible, the guidelines say.

They add that some native species, for example the natterjack toad and great crested (wart) newt, are protected by law.

The guidelines remind schools that animals should be attended to every day.

## Dog 'theft was April Fool joke'

A woman accused of stealing a weapon expert who briefed senior officials on the Trident missile programme, had financial difficulties and betrayed the confidence of the Ministry of Defence by passing confidential documents and information to The Observer, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mrs Marion West, aged 38, said she was being paid expenses for helping David Pearce take Barney and black-mail his owner, Mrs Jean Clayden, Chelmsford Crown Court was told.

Mrs Clayden, aged 42, described as a friend of the Duke of Edinburgh, said that the dog was stolen after she ended a sexual relationship with Pearce, a lodger, groom and handyman at her stud farm at the Vinery, Kelvedon, Essex.

Pearce, aged 35, and West, both from Stevenage, Hertfordshire, denied stealing the dog and demanding £2,000 with menaces for its safe return.

## Trident man 'bought' by paper, jury told

From Tim Jones, Bristol

Raymond John Williams, a weapon expert who briefed senior officials on the Trident missile programme, had financial difficulties and betrayed the confidence of the Ministry of Defence by passing confidential documents and information to The Observer, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Michael Broderick, for the prosecution, told the jury: "Putting it crudely, bluntly and to some extent colloquially, I can sum up the Crown case by saying the defendant was bought and as a result he betrayed his employers' confidence in return for money."

Mr Williams, aged 38, of Charcombe Lane, Bath, pleaded not guilty to two charges of corruption. It was alleged he had received payments from the Sunday news-

## Cable TV may keep to business

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

New cable television networks may contain few if any entertainment channels and may be used only for carrying business data or non-entertainment services such as armchair shopping or banking.

The policy was outlined by Mr Jon Davey yesterday at the announcement of his appointment as director general of the Cable Authority, the watchdog of cable television.

Such a policy is a significant departure from the government's plans of three years ago. The Information Technology Advisory Panel, envisaged a typical model network to consist of 30 channels, of which 20 were entertainment.

On one occasion after £1,000 had been paid by the paper into his account, he was seen by a clerk from his bank sitting on a bench in Bath passing papers to Mr Bishop and another reporter. The hearing continues today.

## Comedian is cleared of car charge

Billy Connolly, the comedian, was cleared yesterday of careless driving. Magistrates at Weston-super-Mare, Avon, took less than a minute to find Mr Connolly, aged 42, from Fulham, west London, not guilty of driving on the M5 at Kingston Seymour without due care and attention.

His Volkswagen Beetle convertible overturned on to a grass verge last June. Mr Connolly, a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, was alone and no other vehicle was involved. He spent a day in hospital recovering from a head injury and bruising.

Magistrates were told that a cast iron brake drum from the nearby wheel fell in two parts when examined. Mr Walter Robinson, a member of the Institute of Diagnostic Engineers, said the split brake drum caused the wheel to lock momentarily, forcing the car to skid.

## Explicit Lennon prints on show

Eight sexually explicit lithographs by John Lennon which were seized by the police from the London Arts Gallery went on display at Beattie City Museum, Liverpool, yesterday, the fifteenth anniversary of the raid. The drawings, part of a collection of 14 called "Bag One" drawn on his honeymoon with Yoko Ono in 1969, show the couple engaged in various acts of love.



## GP drug budgets as spending control

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Health ministers are considering giving family doctors individual "drug budgets" to help to control spending on general practitioner services.

The vote would follow the introduction of the Government's proposed "black-list" of drugs for which the National Health Service would no longer pay from April 1, as another step to controlling spending on drugs.

The budget idea is one of a number of options being considered for inclusion in the Government's Green Paper on family doctor services, planned for the spring.

Individual doctors or group practices would be given a budget for drugs, which they would not be allowed to exceed. As an incentive to prescribe economically they might be allowed to keep any savings, or more likely, would be allowed to spend any savings on improvement to their practice.

The move arises in the main from Treasury pressure to improve the forecasting of

spending on family doctor services, which, unlike the hospital service, are not cash-limited. Because they are demanded by the number of patients who turn up for consultations, spending has tended to exceed forecasts.

Family doctors would almost certainly oppose the move. The GP drugs bill has risen in part because to save money some hospitals have been discharging patients with only a few days' supply of drugs, telling them to go to their doctor for further supplies. Earlier discharge of patients from hospitals has also pushed drug spending from the hospital to the family doctor side.

Limiting GPs' spending would cap the one side of the health service free to respond to patient demand, and doctors would be likely to raise the spectre of patients turning up at the year end and being told they could not have the drug they need because the money had run out.

## Bigger list needed of limited NHS drugs

At least a dozen drugs will have to be added to the Government's limited list of drugs for which the National Health Service will pay from April 1, if it is to meet "all clinical needs", according to Britain's specialists in stomach and gut disorders.

Even then an effective appeals machinery will be

needed to allow an excluded drug to be used for the exceptional patient, the British Society of Gastroenterology, which represents more than 1,300 specialists, said.

To produce an effective list, the Government will also have to give way on its insistence that only non-brand named drugs will be permitted.

## Airport boy goes home

Miloudi al-Majdoui, aged 13 (near 14), who was found wandering alone at Heathrow airport last week reunited yesterday with his mother, Mrs Elkarira al-Majdoui and his younger brother Samir at the Moroccan embassy in London, before leaving for home in Paris.

The boy explained that he had travelled in the lavatory of a train from Paris to Geneva, where he boarded a flight

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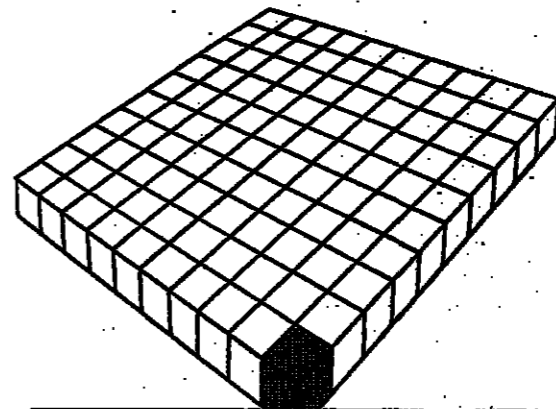
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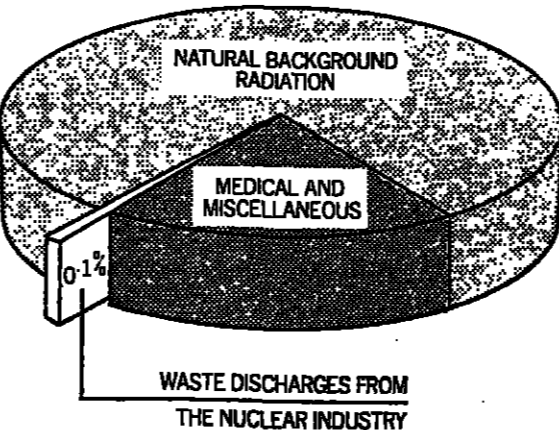
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AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL RADIATION EXPOSURE IN THE UK.



## Refund after 21-year meter battle

By Tony Samstag

A family which queried every electricity bill for 21 years has been paid a refund of £1,400 because their meter was seeing double, the Eastern Electricity Board said yesterday.

Mr and Mrs Joe Lavers, of Stotfold, Hertfordshire, were also paid about £1,000 in interest and compensation after their meter was shown to be recording almost 104 per cent more power than was being used.

The Lavers began their correspondence with the board in 1963 when their first quarterly bill seemed excessive at £5 2s 6d for (25.17 1/2) for just over 12,000 units; by mid-1982, when the meter was found to be faulty, they were paying £175

for about the same amount of electricity. Finally, after interventions by BBC television's *That's Life* programme and by Mr Nicholas Lyell, Conservative MP for Bedfordshire Mid, an out-of-court settlement was agreed and the family received its cheque on Christmas eve.

Mr Stanley Burgess, Chilterns area customer services manager for Eastern Electricity, said yesterday: "This situation is about as common as winning the first dividend on the football pools."

The Lavers' consumption of electricity had seemed about average for their area, he added, and that was why the board had taken so long to test the meter.

Mrs Theresa Lavers, who is in her 50s, disagreed. Gas supplied the household, heat and hot water, and the family was cautious in its use of electric lights and appliances.

It was only by chance that she learned that a test meter could be installed, and asked for one "for five or six years". One of the first things Mrs Lavers proposes to do is to buy a new chest freezer to replace the smaller one she had bought in an effort to save electricity. But she does not know whether to laugh or cry over the bill she received on Thursday demanding £185, based on readings from the old, faulty meter.

Eastern Electricity apologised for that one. It had not cleared the computer, they said.

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Rate support grants • Heath's call • Peers on disarmament

Jenkin would like to abandon targets

COUNCIL SPENDING

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Environment, was loudly cheered by Opposition MPs when he opened a debate on the rate support grant for English local authorities. He said that he would like to be able to abandon targets and hold back on local council spending.

Local economies in their spending. Last year the Opposition had warned of steep rate increases but the average rate increase was 5.5 per cent, the lowest increase for 10 years.

Changes made in grant related expenditure assessment this year represent real improvements to the fairness of GREA overall and therefore in the fairness of the system of distribution of block grant. It could not be right to freeze all GREA in their present form for all time simply because changes meant there would be losers as well as gainers.

added) are fast increasing because of the appalling social and economic consequences resulting from Government policy. Millions more people face hardship, deprivation and poverty compared to 1979. No improvement in the management of services can hope to offset the combined effects of major increases in demand and the withdrawal by the Government since 1979 of 12 per cent of their finances in real terms.

Education was undermined, so were other services. Redundancies occurred and vacancies were unfilled. These were in reality the aims of Government policy. Towns, cities and boroughs started to suffer neglect.

Continging Symptoms of political chicanery

to light as a result of a leaked document. Grant related expenditure was not a set of needs. All the symptoms of political chicanery and intellectual dishonesty had been illustrated at their worst.

'Generous George' suggests the way out

TEACHERS' PAY

By far the most reasonable way to consider Scottish teachers' pay was through the body set up to examine it, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, told the Commons during Scottish questions. He said he had disagreed with the method by which the teachers' pay had been set.

Mr Younger: I do not accept Mr Douglas' figures. While I fully appreciate that Scottish teachers feel strongly about what they see as injustices, they are complaining about them in the wrong way. By far the most reasonable way to deal with it is to ask the body which was set up for precisely that reason to look into it.

teacher in England they got their salary increase. He compared the pay increase of teachers and MPs. He should reconsider his proposition that any salary upgrading could be bought by teachers at the expense of their own terms and conditions of employment.

Mr Younger said he was glad to hear Mr Dewar saying criticism about damage to the services because that seemed a deplorable development.

I do hope the continued that we can have the interests of the schoolchildren in mind. Now they've agreed to meet the SINC as they requested, I hope I can take it that disruption of schools will now stop at least until after the meeting.

I wish to make plain yet again that though I might have done so, I have not turned down the teachers' concerns out of hand. The impression has been given that I have.

Geneva the first step on difficult road

DISARMAMENT

The beginnings of a thaw in East-West relations which had been achieved at the recent disarmament talks in Geneva provided the perfect opportunity to press home the need for all nations to join together in opposition to nuclear weapons.

Lord Kesteven (SDP) said there could be no question of any possibility of this country giving up its independent nuclear deterrent force after the Geneva talks.

Lord Brockway (Lab) said the Government should support a treaty against the first use not only of nuclear weapons but of conventional weapons as well. There were all the conditions in the world now for such a treaty.

favour of the Soviet Union. A nuclear weapon free zone in Europe would undermine and not increase security. The Government would be in favour of the principle of nuclear weapon free zones in areas where nuclear weapons were not yet a factor in the security balance.

Howell: There must be a strategy

The people to gain from reining back expenditure growth have been the ratepayer, both householders and businesses. In each of the last five years, the average rate increase had fallen, despite the annual panic stories from Labour. Last year, the average rate increase was 5.5 per cent, the lowest for 10 years.

Heath wants to know the strategy

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said he was an avowed admirer of what the Chancellor had described as voodoo witchcraft. He regarded the present level of unemployment as appalling; the situation north of Watford was shameful.

STERLING

If Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, had a strategy, it would be nice of him to confide it to the Commons. Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, declared when he introduced a motion in yesterday's debate on unemployment in which the Labour Party, through its Deputy Leader, Mr Roy Hattersley, called for more state spending on infrastructure projects to reduce unemployment.

Farmer who grew to welcome oil

In the picturesque and affluent counties of southern England, where oil discoveries are becoming an important political and environmental issue, JOHN YOUNG, Agricultural Correspondent, talks to a farmer under whose land oil was found.

Bill gives leaseholders right to choose

use of a single insurer for all the leaseholders of one freeholder resulted in lower premiums for the leaseholders.

INSURANCE

A Bill to give leaseholders a choice of insurance company with whom to insure their property was given a formal first reading, after being presented in the Commons by Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Edingburgh, Lab).

Parliament today

Parliament (2.30): Debate on regional policy, Lords (3). Proposed Bill of Office Bill, committee, first day.

People acquitted in JPs' courts 'should get costs'

The present injustice whereby defendants acquitted in magistrates' courts may be left to find the costs out of their own pockets should be ended by an amendment to the Prosecution of Offences Bill, the Law Society says today.

Shopper's £3,000 award after arrest by staff

A Merseyside company was yesterday told to pay maximum damages of £3,000, to Mr Henry Sampson for putting him through a "frightening experience".

Churchill issue

A special reprint edition of The Times of January 25, 1965, officially goes on sale today. It announces the death of Sir Winston Churchill, which occurred the previous day: 20 years ago this coming January 24.

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A demolition company, Brown and Mason, of Sandwich, Kent, was fined the maximum £4,000 at Warrington, Cheshire, yesterday after pleading guilty to two offences under the Asbestos Licensing Regulations.

Crew taken off oil rig

Forty-six people were taken off a North Sea oil rig yesterday after two engineers were killed and two crewmen injured in an explosion on Tuesday night. The well was secured and no pollution reported.

Court told of 'sick joke'

Anthony Chapman, aged 39, an arms dealer of Foundry Square, Norton Green, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, told a court yesterday that he treated as a "sick joke" claims by the Ministry of Defence police that he had links with the IRA.

Job outlook better for graduates

Job prospects for graduates this year are good, better than at any time in the past four years, according to the three organizations concerned with graduate appointments.

Farmer who grew to welcome oil

Mr Richard Porter at his farm. Behind him, partly obscured by a fence, one of the oil wells sunk on his land and, right, an oil tank (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

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# Too few experts as risk grows of new infections, physicians say

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

New and rare infections in Britain, including Aids, Legionnaires' disease and Lassa fever, are posing increasing hazards to public health, while the number of specialists who can deal with them is declining, according to a report published this week.

At any time, 20 per cent of hospital patients in England and Wales are suffering from infections, half of which are acquired in hospital. But there are only 44 consultants in infection, and only eight in tropical medicine throughout Britain, the Royal College of Physicians of London says in the report, which appears in the January issue of its journal.

It adds: "Most specialists in community medicine today have little or no training or experience in infectious diseases and tropical medicine, and yet are faced with grave responsibility when outbreaks of infection occur in the community or in hospital."

The hospital infections are causing particular concern among certain groups of patients, including the newborn, the elderly, those undergoing major surgery and requiring intensive care, and transplant patients who are receiving immunosuppressive drugs, the college says.

"Increasingly, such infections are caused by less common organisms which are frequently resistant to standard antibiotics. In addition, hitherto unrecognized infections such as Legionnaires' disease and the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids) are constantly emerging and posing new diagnostic and therapeutic problems."

An increase in imported infections has been caused by the "enormous escalation in air travel", the college says, and sometimes, as with Lassa fever, there are "onerous public health implications."

The training of microbiology

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Aids) is a disease, transmitted through contaminated blood, and other body fluids, which attacks the central nervous system. In the United States, 3,687 of the known sufferers have died. In Britain, 46 of 108 such patients have died.

Although scientists in Europe and America have identified a virus, known as HTLV-III, as the probable carrier of the disease, many of the factors associated with it are unknown, and no effective treatment has been found. In Britain, all cases known to doctors are registered by the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre at Colindale, north London.

staff in parasitology is "inadequate", and the fact that there are so few paediatricians in Britain with a special interest and training in infection is "a matter of concern", according to the report.

The College recommends that the number of infectious diseases physicians should be increased from the present figure to between 60 to 70, and that they should be trained in the management of imported infections, including parasitic diseases.

It also suggests that some smaller hospitals might have a post serving two special interests, such as respiratory medicine and infection, or immunology and infection. A few such posts already exist. The number of paediatricians with special interest and training in infection should also be increased.

Future consultant staffing in communicable and tropical diseases, Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of London, The Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE.

# Changing the face of Whitehall to meet needs of government

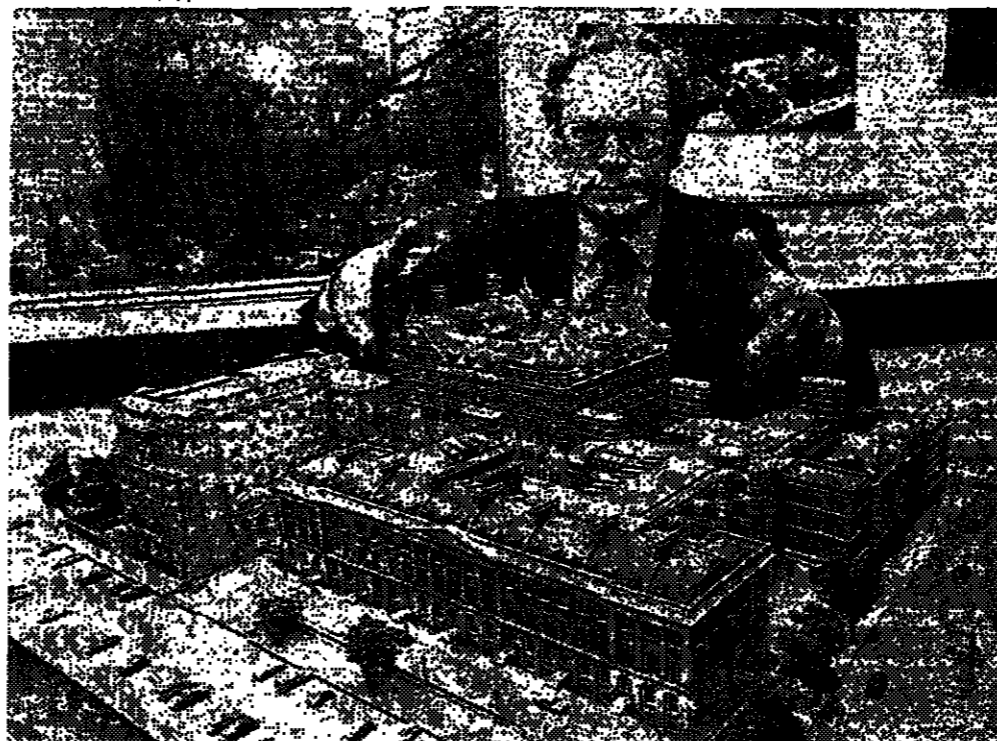
## Programme will cost more than £100m

By Charles Kneivitt Architecture Correspondent

After 20 years of debate, indecision and blight, Whitehall is gradually being rebuilt as the home of government. By the time the current programme of new building, restoration and repair is complete at the turn of the century, the final bill will be well in excess of £100 million.

Work is being organized by the Whitehall Co-ordination Committee of the Property Services Agency, part of the Department of the Environment. Mr Colin Pain, assistant director of the agency's London region, describes its role as looking at the rationalization, refurbishment and redevelopment of the area, a process which involves the location of people in government departments, as much as the physical state of the property portfolio.

At the Foreign and Commonwealth office a £4.5 million first phase contract of a five-phase refurbishment plan has begun, that is on top of £5.5 million which was spent three years ago after the Home Office moved out. Across the road on the other side of the Cenotaph, more than £28 million is being spent on rebuilding Richmond Terrace as the probable home of the Overseas Development Administration.



Mr William Whitfield with a model of Richmond Terrace development (foreground) and new buildings designed by him (right of centre).

On the neighbouring Bridge Street site, Sir Hugh Casson is providing a new House of Commons library and MPs' offices behind the listed facade on Parliament Street. In the first of a two-phase plan. If all the approvals are obtained, the £16 million phase one scheme will be completed by 1990.

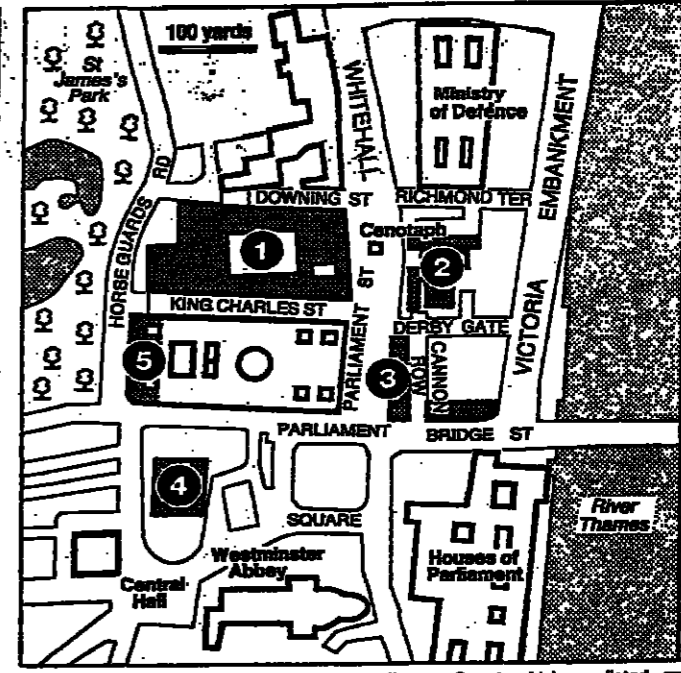
The most prominent new building, so far as public and tourists are concerned, is the

£44 million International Conference Centre in Broad Sanctuary, opposite Westminster Abbey, due for completion early next year.

In addition to the rebuilding and refurbishment, the rolling programme of stone repair, restoration and conservation at the Houses of Parliament is also at the half-way stage, at undisclosed cost, with the east facade, internal courtyard and

Victoria Tower due for completion within five years.

Gone are the two ambitious plans for MPs' accommodation in new buildings on Bridge Street, contained in the Robin Webster and Robin Spence competition design of 1973 for a bronze-clad block with saunas, restaurants and a roof garden; and Sir Hugh's earlier (1978) scheme, for a £119 million building for the same site.



Whitehall facade: 1. Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Old Public Office); Work begun last April includes stripping out asbestos, new services such as heating, lighting, etc., new telecommunications facilities and security measures, double glazing rooflights and cleaning marble inside the building, which covers 5.5 acres. Phase two is due to start in October 1986 in a rolling programme to the turn of the century. 2. Richmond Terrace: Development of the Grade II Georgian terrace is in three parts. The terrace is being reconstructed to one-room depth behind the original facade, and linked to a new six-storey building behind. The adjoining buildings facing Whitehall and Parliament Street will be refurbished and their facades restored. 3. Bridge Street: Phase one, in Parliament Street, is to be completed by a Commons sub-committee in the next few weeks. The proposal will keep St Stephen's Tavern, the MPs' public house, and the facade along Parliament Street, which are listed, as well as a number of listed buildings. Phase two, in Bridge Street itself, includes the Norman Shaw south building, which will remain MP's accommodation. The rest of the scheme, including buildings number one and two, is still to be decided. 4. International Conference Centre: The Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Ministry of Defence will be the major users, although the five conference rooms and main auditorium, together taking up to 2,500 people at one time, will be let commercially. Changes in design incorporated the latest technology as work progressed: audio signal, and visual signal facilities, and television studios. A new square will also be created in front of the building, across Broad Sanctuary. 5. Cabinet War Rooms: The development beneath the west end of the Treasury building, opened as a tourist attraction last spring.

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## SDLP seeks changes in court ritual

From Richard Ford Belfast

Sweeping changes in the practices and symbols of Northern Ireland's courts are recommended in a Social Democratic and Labour Party document. It is bound to anger unionists as it proposes removing references to the Crown and changing the name of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The changes, suggested in a paper to be discussed at the party's annual conference, would end symbols and practices which the document describes as reflecting the "unionist ethos" of the court.

If the changes were implemented the party argues, it would help to restore the nationalist community's confidence.

The party is critical of the use of informers, plastic bullets and the operation of the police authority and the complaints procedure.

It says, that the composition of the judiciary, with 17 members drawn from the Protestant-Unionist tradition and only three from the Catholic-Nationalist tradition, is hardly balanced.

Arguing that addressing magistrates and judges as "My Lord" and "Your Honour" is seen by nationalists as having a ring of British Colonialism, it suggests that in the province they should be addressed simply as "judge" and "Mr/Madam magistrate".

## 'No decision yet' on books tax

The Prime Minister has told senior academics that speculation about value-added tax being imposed on books and journals "has not been inspired by the Government".

Lord Flowers, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, Sir Andrew Huxley, president of the Royal Society, and Professor Owen Chadwick, president of the British Academy, wrote to Mrs Margaret Thatcher expressing "deep concern".

Mrs Thatcher replied that although the Government favoured a shift from taxes on earnings to taxes on spending, "we have no set views at present on how this might best be done".

## Cabbie's son

Miss Janice Reid, who was living with Mr David Wilkie, the taxi driver who was killed taking a miner to work, gave birth to his son at the Intensive Hospital of Wales in Cardiff on Tuesday.

## Shrine attack

Hundreds of pounds of damage was caused when vandals smashed eight statues of saints and angels at Carfin Grotto, Lanarkshire.

## Store expansion

Fine Fare, the supermarket chain is to open nine new shops in Scotland next year, creating about 1,500 new jobs.

## Heart repair hope for girl

The Australian girl whose father robbed a McDonald's hamburger bar to pay for her to have a heart and lung transplant may instead undergo an operation to repair her heart.

The hospital said yesterday that detailed heart X-ray photographs were being studied by Mr Magdi Yacoub, the transplant surgeon, and Dr Jane Somerville, a consultant paediatric cardiologist.

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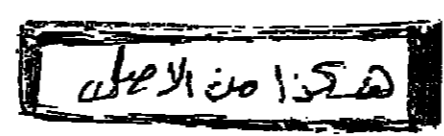
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The Popieluszko murder trial

Secret policemen tell of meetings to rid Poland of 'troublesome priests'

In an angry, frustrated mood, a secret police officer told his colleagues 10 days before the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko that the Solidarity priest should be thrown out of a moving train "to frighten him a bit". A Polish court was told yesterday.

The court in Torun, where four Polish secret police agents are on trial for their lives, gleaned remarkable insights into the practical workings of church-state relations as two witnesses described the various office conferences about how to rid the country of "troublesome priests". The two witnesses were police officers who coordinated with their colleagues in the secret police to initiate joint action against Father Popieluszko.

As the main witness, Mr Leszek Wolski (rank unstated), believed to be a major) started to describe his work, it became apparent that the mild skirmishing between lawyers of the Popieluszko family and Judge Artur Sujawa, the principal judge, is threatening to become a major source of conflict, perhaps undermining the credibility of the show trial.

The family lawyers are clearly trying to demonstrate the innocence of the murdered priest, while Mr Kujawa, in politically weighted asides and over-rulings, is displaying his Communist Party affiliations.

"The trial is worthy of Kafka," one courtroom observer reported. "Sometimes it

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw seems as if the victim in the dock."

Ten days before the murder, a number of the crucial police officers concerned with the trial gathered in the Interior Ministry in Warsaw's Rakowicka Street. They included Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, in the dock as the acknowledged operational leader of the kidnap. Mr Wolski and their respective deputies, Mr Janusz Drodz and Mr Jozef Baczynski. They gathered in the ante-room of the deputy director of church-monitoring, Colonel Adam Pietruszka, charged with complicity in the murder of the priest.

Mr Baczynski testified yesterday that Piotrowski has said: "We might frighten Popieluszko a bit and throw him out of a train". His mood seemed to be angry, irritated, he was speaking out of dislike for the priest. . . I remember Piotrowski saying: 'there are certain pressures from the top.' Wolski and Piotrowski then went into Colonel Pietruszka's office.

"Pietruszka seemed to be dissatisfied and said police action should be accelerated, that the priest should be watched and followed," said Mr Baczynski. Neither he nor Mr Wolski has the impression that Pietruszka was authorizing illegal action.

Yes, said Mr Wolski, Pietruszka had talked of frightening Father Popieluszko but he understood by this "using

material we had gathered that would compromise him." Mr Wolski conceded that it was his and Captain Piotrowski's idea that Father Popieluszko should be singled out.

Piotrowski, who sits on the wooden benches under guard close to his co-defendants, Lieutenants Leszek Pekala and Waldemar Chmielewski and Colonel Pietruszka, laughed, scratched, inspected his nails, simulated indifference as the two witnesses described his anger with Father Popieluszko.

But the judge reserved his most obvious displeasure for Father Popieluszko's three lawyers, who are tried and tested defence counsel of Solidarity activists. Mr Jan Olszewski had to ask simple questions such as "Did you issue orders to follow Popieluszko in writing or orally" several times and never received a clear answer. One lawyer asked if Mr Wolski had ever attended one of Father Jerzy's Masses and whether he had ever heard the priest appeal - as he did frequently - for Solidarity supporters to take down their banners.

"I am sure the banners did not bear quotations from the Bible," interrupted the judge. The lawyers rephrased the question. "I can see no need for you to ask that question," said the judge. "And if you persist in doing so I will deprive you of the right to speak".

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Sikh head priest is injured by gunmen

Delhi (Reuters) - The head priest of the Sikhs' highest religious order was shot and wounded yesterday at a village in Punjab state, the Press Trust of India reported.

The agency said that Jathedar Kirpal Singh, head priest of the Akal Takht in Amritsar Golden Temple, was hit by six bullets fired by three youths near the town of Ludhiana.

The Akal Takht, the Sikh headquarters, was badly damaged in June when Indian troops stormed the shrine to root out extremists fighting for an independent Sikh nation.

PTI said three youths riding a motor cycle followed the priest's vehicle and fired as he stepped out of the car. Two other passengers were injured.

Senior Sikh religious and political leaders in Punjab have

condemned the attack as an act of cowardice.

The Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, who came to power soon after his mother was assassinated by two Sikh bodyguards on October 31, has given top priority to a solution to Punjab discord.

Several Sikh leaders have welcomed the Gandhi initiative after his landslide election victory last month, but they have said measures must be taken to protect lives and property of Sikhs before any talks with the Government take place.

Mrs Gandhi's murder set off nationwide riots in which at least 1,270 people, mainly Sikhs, were killed.

Indo-Pakistan battle, page 8

Ethiopians impounded relief ship

From a Correspondent Melbourne

The Australian Foreign Minister Mr Bill Hayden, is making urgent representations to Ethiopia over the impounding of an Australian relief vessel at Port Asseb.

The ship, the Golden Venture, was carrying 9,500 tonnes of wheat, a water drilling rig, milk powder, biscuits, lorries, medicine and blankets, but 6,000 tonnes of the wheat and the drilling rig were intended for rebel-held areas of Eritrea and Tigray.

In Canberra, the Foreign Affairs Department has launched an investigation to find out what went wrong and how the Ethiopian Government learnt what was on the ship, the Ethiopians have previously turned a blind eye to famine relief being sent to the rebel provinces by some Western governments through Port Sudan in Sudan.

A row is brewing between the Australian Development Assistance Bureau and the Australian Wheat Board. The board commissioned the Wheat Board to handle the shipping arrangements and officials are trying to find out what went wrong.

Pressed to give a specific undertaking that the Australian experience on beef (US producers got a greater share at the expense of Australia in recent four-year quotas) would not be repeated on coal, Mr Nakasone said Japan had received offers from other countries for coal but had made its "best efforts" to live up to its word that Australia would not be sacrificed.

Unfortunately for Mr Hawke, the visitor's programme in New South Wales had to be re-arranged because of a train strike in the Hunter Valley, which has hit coal supplies to Japan.

At an official dinner for the Japanese party, Mr Hawke's main theme was the need for nuclear disarmament.

Bonn to join European and US space projects

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Faced with the dilemma of whether to participate in the American manned space station project or the European Ariane programme, the West German Cabinet yesterday decided to take part in both. The cost to the taxpayer until 1995 is estimated at around DM4,500 million (£1,250 million).

Heinz Riesenhuber, the Minister of Research, who was understood to have doubts over the space station project, said that the decision to join the American programme, which provides for a permanently manned space station, laid down the basis for wide-ranging transatlantic co-operation in space.

He underlined the purely civilian aspects of the project, and said Germany would continue to manage the European Columbus contribution, a module already developed by German and Italian scientists that plugs into the American space station.

The space station would be used for scientific work and unmanned platforms, were planned which would be able to support automated experimental installations and observatories. A prototype platform would be developed in West Germany and then tested in space.

Paris has been pressing Bonn hard to play a big role in the European Space Agency, half of whose costs are paid by the two countries. The French want to develop a small manned spacecraft, Hermes, which they say would be essential as a supply vehicle for the European component of the American station. Bonn and other Space Agency members have been stalling on this, however.

Herr Riesenhuber yesterday said Hermes was an interesting project in the long term, but Bonn could not promise additional funds for it beyond those already pledged.

Motorway limits, page 8



Offbeat welcome: Sir Georg Solti, conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, greeted by a Hamburg jazz quintet yesterday at the start of a tour which will include the Times Bicentenary concert at the Royal Festival Hall on January 31.

Jamaican snipers take on troops

Kingston, Jamaica (AP) - Snipers and stone-throwers harassed police and soldiers overnight and early yesterday as they tried to clear roadblocks set up by demonstrators protesting against increased fuel prices. At least three people were killed in violence that spread across Jamaica.

Winter is the peak tourist time in Jamaica, but the authorities said none of the estimated 12,000 foreign visitors to the island was reported to have been injured in any of the disturbances on Tuesday. The police said the situation in most tourist resorts was close to normal.

They said police officers killed one man in Kingston after he fired on police at a roadblock and a motorist in Kingston was shot and killed by someone in another car. A third man was killed by shots fired from a van in Maypen, 30 miles north-west of Kingston, police said.

Unconfirmed reports said as many as six people had been killed and several others were in hospital, including a small girl hit by stones at a roadblock.

A police officer in Kingston, said yesterday that hundreds of people had spent the night at police stations because they were unable to get home.

Prices for food and most other items have been doubled and tripled in the past two years, and Mr Seaga, seeking to win approval for favourable loan terms from the international lenders for Jamaica, has raised taxes and laid off 6,000 Government employees. Unemployment is more than 25 per cent.

Reluctant Gibraltar votes to give rights to Spaniards

From Richard Wigg, Gibraltar

Greenland's example as a dependent territory of Denmark, and leave the EEC.

The Bill will allow entry and residence by Spaniards, land purchase, setting up businesses, family allowances where resident, and emergency medical questions. Spain is to give equivalent rights to Gibraltarans.

The Government emphasized that free movement of labour would only come in, as in any other Community country, seven years after entry. But the Opposition believe that Spaniards will swamp Gibraltar's tiny public health service when those in self-employed trades move in from next month. The Government dismissed such fears as exaggerated.

Mr Bossano called the Bill "the most shameful piece of legislation ever presented to Gibraltar's House of Assembly".

Mr Adolfo Canapa, the deputy Chief Minister, former opponent of rapprochement,

Police deny Nkomo was shot at in mob attack

From Jan Raath, Harare

Police reports that no gunfire was heard. In the House of Assembly on Tuesday night, Mr Nkomo of being a liar.

Meanwhile, in Manabepoland North in the west of Zimbabwe, anti-government guerrillas on Monday killed their first victim this year. Police said Mr Michael Sibanda, the district chairman of Nkayi district, was bayoneted and then shot three times at Hlangahani in Nkayi district.

The killing followed a series of rallies in the area on Sunday, where Zanu (PF) Robinson members campaigned for support in a Zanu stronghold. Last year guerrillas killed 27 civilians, according to police reports. Fourteen were officials of Zanu (PF) in areas where Zanu has influence.

Mr Nkomo claimed he saw pistols and automatic rifles being fired when the mob of supporters of the ruling Zanu (PF) party attacked the vehicle.

Independent sources who witnessed the scene confirmed

Vote angers Knesset hardliners

From Moshe Brillman, Tel Aviv

The Orthodox Jewish religious lobby in Israel sustained a stunning setback yesterday when the Knesset, by a vote of 62 to 51, rejected their private members' bill on "who is a Jew".

The Bill was designed to deny application of the Law of the Return to proselytes converted by non-orthodox rabbis. The 1950 law recognizes the intrinsic right of all Jews to live in Israel and to acquire instant citizenship on arrival.

In practice, the proposed amendment was expected to affect a small number of potential immigrants but non-orthodox rabbis said that its adoption by Parliament would be regarded by conservative and reform Jews, the overwhelming majority, as a negation of their legitimacy as Jews. Rabbis in the United States said there was likely to be a grass-roots move to divert financial and political efforts on behalf of Israel to fighting this slur.

Religious hardliners were angered by the defeat of the Bill yesterday and deputa the Shas (Sophard Torah Guardians) and Morasha parties talked of leaving the coalition.

The defection of religious parties from the coalition would not bring down the National Unity Government, which has an overwhelming majority in Parliament.

The Government did not take a stand on the issue. In the vote Labour with one exception voted against.

Philippines cure sought

From Keith Dalton, Manila

A comprehensive political and social programme, including greater military discipline and training, is needed to tackle the growing communist insurgency in the Philippines, a senior US official said yesterday.

Speaking at the end of a three-day visit here, Mr Paul Wolfowitz, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said President Marcos, who is reported to be in poor health, "seems to be functioning effectively".

He met the president for 90 minutes and presented a letter from President Reagan.

The state-run Philippine news agency PNA quoted Mr Reagan as saying in the letter that his administration strongly supported efforts by President Marcos working with the Filipinos of moderate political views, to revitalize and strengthen their democratic institutions.

Observers saw this as reflecting Washington's wish for a reconciliation between President Marcos and his opponents.

Clarifying earlier comments that fundamental reforms were necessary in the armed forces, Mr Wolfowitz said an essential need was to strengthen military discipline and training.

Cyanide theory, page 12

Two die as gas blast wrecks row of houses

Brussels (Reuters) - Rescue workers removed the bodies of a three-year-old child and an elderly woman from the rubble of a row of houses blown up in a gas blast yesterday, but police said that the death toll could have been much higher.

"It's a miracle. People were literally blown out of their beds on to the street, then got up and walked away," one officer said.

Five people and one fireman were injured in the explosion which ripped through five houses and set two neighbouring homes ablaze in the Ebre district of Brussels. The blast shattered most windows, and destroyed many cars in the street.

Women killed by their dogs

Bonn (AFP) - Dogs driven to fury by intense cold attacked and killed two women, police reported from Bonn and Hanover. The first victim was aged 26 and died while taking her uncle's alms for a walk, although he had warned her that the dog was always upset by ice and snow.

The second to die was aged 80. She was attacked by her 18 starving greyhounds which partly devoured her body in a house where the temperature was sub-zero.

Hollywood gays given a sign

West Hollywood, California (Reuters) - A sign saying "Fagots Stay Out", hanging behind the bar in Barney's, a gay bar for more than 30 years, was removed to comply with a new law.

West Hollywood is the first US city to have a council controlled by homosexuals. Fagots was spelled with one "g" and the owner maintained it meant only bundles of wood.

Paper angry at Vatican ban

Rome (AP) - The Rome newspaper La Repubblica denounced as "punitive and discriminatory" the Vatican's decision to prevent its religious writer from travelling on the papal plane during the Pope's forthcoming South American tour.

The Vatican, in an unprecedented action, denied that the writer's trip had been after an article headlined "This Pope travels so much".

Helicopter kills seven on ship

Honolulu (AP) - A US Air Force helicopter sent to evacuate a sick British seaman from a merchant ship crashed on the vessel, killing six of the crew and leaving a seventh missing and presumed dead.

The crash started a fire on board the Asian Beauty, a Panamanian-registered vessel, as the ship was 340 nautical miles north of here.

Landowner free

Buenos Aires (Reuters) - An Argentine landowner, Señor Ricardo Lanusse, a cousin of former President Alejandro Lanusse, was released unharmed after being held by kidnapers for 10 days. It was not immediately clear whether a ransom was paid.

BBC accused

Lusaka - Dr Jonis Savimbi, the Unita leader, accused the BBC of deliberately slandering his movement especially over the seizure of hostages. He said British, Filipino and other hostages would be handed over to the South African Red Cross.

Bhopal ruling

Bhopal (Reuters) - Union Carbide will never be allowed to re-open its plant in the central Indian city of Bhopal, where a gas leak killed 2,500 people, Mr Arjun Singh, the state's Chief Minister, said.

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Mr Grishin: In search of 'fraternal alliance'.

Unity call to Warsaw Pact states

Moscow (Reuters) - A top Soviet official called yesterday for more cohesion and unity in the Warsaw Pact, two days after a meeting of alliance leaders was suddenly postponed.

Tass reported a speech given in Warsaw by Mr Viktor Grishin, the Moscow City Communist Party chief, to an audience including delegations from other Eastern bloc countries.

Mr Grishin, aged 70, said the seven-member military alliance, which celebrates its 30th anniversary in May, was called on to fulfil what he described as its historic mission.

"The stronger our unity and cohesion, our fraternal fighting alliance, the more reliable, the firmer the cause of peace and of preventing war," he said, a session of the Warsaw Council to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Polish capital's liberation from Nazi Germany.

His speech came the day after the Warsaw Pact was to have begun a summit meeting in Sofia in the Bulgarian capital. A brief announcement issued late on Monday said it had been postponed indefinitely, but gave no reason.

Western diplomats have said they could think of no other reason for the sudden move than a turn for the worse in the health of President Konstantin Chernenko.

Moscow date

Ottawa - The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr Joe Clark, will visit the Soviet Union in the first week of April for talks with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko.

Nakasone takes care not to promise too much

From a Correspondent, Melbourne

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone is striding the world's political stage like no other Japanese Prime Minister before him and he has also proved adept at learning his lines.

After two days of talks in Canberra, there is still some doubt as to what the Japanese have promised on the future of trade between the two countries.

Mr Nakasone repeated a pledge made last February that Japan would not allow the economic demands of other countries, mainly the US, to interfere with the level of trade with Australia, but then qualified that by saying that "minimal and agricultural supplies to Japan will not decline as long as these products maintain their competitiveness and their stable supply is assured."

"There are strikes on the Australian side and at times there might be a shortage of



Presidential pair: Mr Mubarak (right) and Mr Karamanlis inspecting a guard of honour at Athens airport yesterday.

Mubarak seeks to end Greek bias

From Mario Modiano, Athens

President Mubarak of Egypt arrived here yesterday on a brief state visit to discuss bilateral relations at a time Greece is showing bias in favour of the so-called rejectionist Arab states which antagonize Cairo.

Greece announced a few days ago that it was selling Libya, Egypt's neighbour, military equipment worth \$500 million (£440 million) over the next three years.

Although Greece assembles under licence, French missile

Bush fires are contained after five die

Melbourne - Firefighters in the Australian state of Victoria yesterday appeared to be winning the battle against the bush fires which have killed five people in two days (a correspondent writes).

Only 10 fires are still causing any worry, the main one near Bright in the Victoria Alps which is burning its way through inaccessible forest, fanned by fierce winds.

A farmer, aged 25, became the fourth victim when he died in hospital in Ballarat. The fifth is believed to be a firefighter.

Outbreaks had been contained yesterday in South Australia, but firefighters were trying to control fires in parts of New South Wales and Victoria.

Afghan bribery claimed

Moscow (Reuters) - US intelligence services were accused by Tass yesterday of paying Afghan rebels to hand over captured Soviet soldiers who were offered a new life in the West if they backed invented "atrocity" stories.

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Forty-second game White: Kasparov. Black: Karpov

Queen's Gambit declined

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# Mafia accused of milking millions from EEC in big farming fraud

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

The Mafia is extracting millions of pounds from the EEC. That was the very brave claim made at the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday by Signor Pancrazio de Pasquale, a Sicilian Communist MEP.

It was brave because eight people he knew had stood up against the Mafia and had been shot only a couple of hundred yards from his house. In Sicily, that was a danger he had to live with, he admitted. It had become part of his way of life.

Signor de Pasquale won a promise from Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, speaking for the European Commission, of a full-scale investigation into what is happening to EEC funds sent to Italy. If that fails, then the Parliament means to set up its own commission of inquiry.

According to Signor de Pasquale, there are five cases currently being heard in Italy involving huge frauds in the farm sector. One involves a £3 million swindle on 970,000 litres of wine which had been doctored by the addition of sugar to produce inflated production figures and so qualify for distillation aid.

Another sector where there was evidence of wholesale manipulation of EEC methods was olive oil. Here there were cases of false electricity accounts to "prove" that presses had been running much longer than was in fact the case. There were examples of members of the same family submitting different returns for the same trees and of premiums paid on trees that had never existed.

Signor de Pasquale claimed that there were false certificates issued for fruit and vegetable production from farms that did not even exist.

Inevitably, however, he was short of all the circumstantial proof and could not make any real estimate of the actual

## Ankara fears demise of Cyprus draft

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

As Turkish and Greek leaders of Cyprus come together in New York today to sign a draft agreement setting out guidelines for a settlement on the Mediterranean island, the Turkish Government looks more concerned with the consequences of possible failure than success.

"If the Greeks waste this last opportunity, what reasons can one have to continue keeping Turkish Cypriots in check?" asked an authoritative source in Ankara, hinting that steps to strengthen the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus", proclaimed unilaterally 14 months ago and recognized only by Turkey, could be resumed immediately.

He did not rule out the possibility of a constitutional referendum in northern Cyprus, followed by a general election, as preparation for another attempt to win international recognition.

The mood reflects the Ankara Government's anxiety over the probability of being accused by a sceptical public of having condoned a sell-out, with nothing to show in return for substantial concessions, particularly after it has become clear that a spin-off in the form of a breakthrough in Aegean disputes with Greece can not be expected.

Although the official line is that determination of their future is the primary concern of Turkish Cypriots, the Turkish public has long been conditioned to see the problem as a national issue.

In this atmosphere, agreeing to vice-presidency as the top post for Turkish leaders in a federal Cypriot Government, and to a 7 to 3 ratio favouring the Greeks in the Government and the lower house of the bicameral Parliament are considered disproportionately heavy concessions.

Territorial concessions, reducing the Turks' possessions from 40 to 29.9 per cent of the island are regarded both in Turkey and in northern Cyprus as a reckless handout.

The Ankara Government wants it made clear to Turkey's allies and friends that it has gone far beyond its limits in agreeing the draft agreement and that if the New York summit should collapse the Turkish side should not be blamed.

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## Hanoi army 'may cross Thai border'

By Simon Scott Plummer

The next stage in the Vietnamese assault on Cambodian guerrillas may be to cross the border into Thailand and get back the refugees who have fled there, a leading member of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front said in London yesterday.

Mr Son Soubert, head of the Cambodian Red Cross, told *The Times* that about 130,000 civilians had crossed the border since the Vietnamese began their dry-season offensive in November. He hoped the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Thai Government would be able to look after them.

Mr Son, who witnessed the Vietnamese attack on the Front's camp at Ampil earlier this month, said its fall was not as serious as the Western media had made out. Ampil was more a model village than a military headquarters and the Front had lost only six men during the fighting.

They would adopt more mobile, hit-and-run tactics against the Vietnamese. However, for infiltration behind Vietnamese lines to be effective, they needed greater help from the outside world so that caches of ammunition and food could be set up inside Cambodia.

Mr Son said the front had lost three camps - Baksei, Nong Samet and Ampil - during the current offensive. Nong Chan, which had been recaptured from the Vietnamese, Sok Sann and San Ro Changan were expected to be the next targets.

Mr Son said the Front's casualties since November were 118 dead and about 630 wounded. He estimated that Vietnamese losses had been higher, as Ampil's infantry had attacked in waves, like the Chinese in the Korean War.

## Prisoner swap on border

Peking (AFP) - China and Vietnam yesterday exchanged prisoners at their border, with 15 Vietnamese and 71 Chinese being sent back, officials said in Peking.

The Vietnamese had been captured by Chinese border guards while engaged in "armed provocations and sabotage" in Chinese territory, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Vietnamese diplomatic sources said Hanoi at the same time freed 71 Chinese fishermen arrested for having entered Vietnamese waters.

The exchange came within 24 hours of fresh Peking accusations of "repeated Vietnamese incursions" into China that were repulsed by Chinese forces.

## Six-nation tour for Neves before takeover

# Problems beset Brazil's new man

From Patrick Knight, Brasilia

Senhor Tancredo Neves, Brazil's President-elect will visit six countries in Europe and the Americas before assuming power on March 15. He goes to Rome next week for an audience with the Pope before moving to Portugal.

The next stop is the United States, where he will meet President Reagan and the International Monetary Fund, Mexico and Argentina will complete the tour.

Senhor Neves also has the difficult task of forming a government to satisfy the two disparate groups which brought him to power: the left-wing Brazilian Democratic Movement and the Liberal Alliance, composed mainly of those from the centre and right, which until a few months ago had lived in harmony with the military regimes of the past 21 years.

The President-elect inherits a sombre economic situation. Much more is likely to be heard about the forming of a common programme by Latin America's principal debtors. There will be increasing pressure for government-to-government negotiations over the continent's foreign debt.

Brazil's inflation rate last year was more than 220 per cent, the highest in its history. It is threatening to rise again this year.

In anticipation of a more sympathetic regime, organized labour is increasing its pressure for better wages. The left will be making strenuous efforts to



Victory speech: Senhor Neves addressing Congress in Brasilia after being elected by a convincing majority. He pledged to narrow the gap between rich and poor.

rectify the increased disparity of wealth, which has occurred over the past 20 years. Businesses and shops are likely to raise their prices, as a result.

Senhor Neves hopes to defuse the situation by arranging a social pact on the Spanish pattern. He is counting on

Brazil's new spirit of conciliation to achieve it. He has committed himself to accelerate the economic growth of recent months, in the wake of an export boom, which earned Brazil enough last year to pay its \$12 billion (£11 million) interest bill.

The President-elect starts with the good will of virtually the whole population, which expects no miracles for the 74-year-old who has been a familiar figure for so long. Opinion polls show that more than half of all Brazilians think this year will be better than

last, compared with a third a year ago.

On the foreign front, Brazil is expected to give more support to Argentina over the Falklands issue. At home, Senhor Neves will have to move carefully to avoid antagonizing the armed forces, which are returning to barracks in good order. He must reduce the military presence in government, where about 15,000 retired officers hold sinecures.

Brazilian military spending has been among the continent's lowest in recent years, and Senhor Neves may well follow the example of several civilian predecessors by attempting to buy off the armed forces with a re-equipment programme.

Brazil has no dispute with any neighbour, but the Falklands War revealed the military weaknesses of the region's nations, and Brazil is far less well equipped than Argentina.

The main challenge for the incoming President, however, will be to hold together a coalition, which has little reason for existence, other than the quest for power by one group and an attempt to keep it by the other.

Senhor Neves can count on the good will of most of Brazil's banking creditors, who are aware that the existing pattern of renegotiation, involving a net outflow of capital, cannot continue.

President Reagan has sent an "effusive" message of congratulation to his important ally on the continent.

## Taiwanese intelligence men held in US murder

Taipei (Reuters) - Three senior Taiwanese intelligence officials have been arrested in connection with the murder of a prominent Chinese writer in California, government sources said yesterday.

As Taiwan suffered its biggest political scandal for a decade, the sources said that at least three members of the Military Commission over the shooting of Mr Henry Liu aged 52 in California on October 15.

They said government leaders were trying to determine the top level of involvement and whether there had been a cover-up.

A committee appointed by President Chiang Ching-kuo has started to probe intelligence involvement in the killing of Mr Liu, a frequent critic of Taiwan's policies. Members of parliament said yesterday the disclosure of official involvement could damage Taiwan's reputation and its ties with the United States.

The *United Daily* newspaper named one of those arrested as Colonel Chen Fu-men.

The paper, whose report was not denied by the Taiwanese Defence Ministry, also named the head of Intelligence Bureau, Vice Admiral Wang Hsi-ling, who was suspended from duties on Tuesday.

Mr Liu, who emigrated to the United States in 1967, wrote several books criticizing Chinese Nationalist policies, including a biography of President Chiang.

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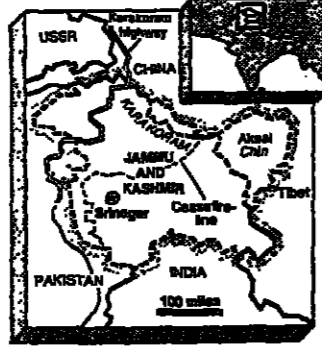
# India and Pakistan battle to dominate the frozen roof of the world

From Michael Hamlyn  
Delhi

The tension which exists between India and Pakistan has flared into actual conflict repeatedly in the past six months, resulting in more than 80 deaths, according to a senior Indian official.

The encounters took place in the frozen roof of the world, high above the valleys of Kashmir in the Karakoram range of the Himalayas. In the area of the Siachin Glacier, where the River Nubra falls in summer - through rocky valleys, but where snow and ice close in for most of the year - Pakistani and Indian troops have been battling to improve their positions, or defend the line of actual control established after the series of Indo-Pakistan wars.

Lieutenant-General M. L. Chibber, GOC Northern Command, says more than 50



Pakistani soldiers have been killed for breaching the control line, he said. Three Indian soldiers died in the encounters and 27 others in an avalanche during operations there.

foiled all the attempts by Pakistan in the area and the territory continues to be fully under Indian control."

President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan told me recently that there was a dispute in the Siachin area, but denied it would come to fighting. "It is God-forsaken country up there," he said.

A Times correspondent also reported that the Indians had used paratroops to repel Pakistani attacks in the Nubra Valley early last year. The alleged purpose of the Pakistani incursions is to straighten the Karakoram highway into China, which takes a circuitous route to avoid the area controlled by the Indians.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, has been extremely cool in his recent public utterances about relations with Pakistan. He has given a warning that continuing Indian efforts to rearm Pakistan are a matter for serious concern to India.

## Ershad eases martial law

Dhaka (AP, Reuter) - President Ershad ordered the restoration of fundamental rights in Bangladesh yesterday and abolished special military courts established under martial law, an official announcement said.

Fundamental rights were suspended when General Ershad seized power in a bloodless coup, ousting President Sattar in March, 1982. They include the right of assembly, freedom of expression and the

right to form associations, and the Supreme Court's right to admit an appeal against the Government.

At the same time, President Ershad appointed a seven-member Cabinet comprised entirely of military officers as a step towards restoring democracy through parliamentary elections in April. He dropped all 13 former ministers from the government-backed Janna Dal Party.



Joy of charity: Mother Teresa, the Nobel peace prize winner, embracing a child during a ceremony in Hong Kong in which she was given a building to house the destitute. The building was presented by the colony's government to the missionaries of Charity, an order she founded in 1950.

## Germans test motorway speed limit

From Michael Binyon  
Bonn

The first Government-ordered experimental speed restriction was imposed on a 25-mile stretch of motorway between Hamburg and Bremen yesterday in an attempt to find out whether lower speeds would significantly reduce pollution.

The Government, conscious of the strong pressure from the car lobby which insists that a speed limit will ruin the market for fast German cars, has tried to put off a limit, saying the effect on the environment would be only marginal. But

last Autumn the Ministry of Transport announced that a series of controlled tests would be set up and in November Herr Werner Dollinger, the Transport Minister, will evaluate the results.

On the selected motorway stretches the volume of traffic will be measured and behaviour noted before the limits are introduced, and the same then done after the 100 KPH limit.

Until recently German public opinion has been sharply hostile to any limits and to any motorway tolls.

## Lack of EEC cash limits horizons as Italy takes over

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

In essence, therefore, the Community will have to pick over its very limited resources for the next six months in the hope that success in the enlargement negotiations will make it possible to draw up a new budget for the rest of the year.

West Germany has refused to provide any more money until Spain and Portugal are admitted to the Community, so everything hangs on that.

Beyond the budget, Signor Andreotti hoped to be able to fix a date for an inter-governmental conference to agree on EEC institutional reform. He would also try to call an informal meeting among ministers to put together an effective plan for inter-national collaboration against drug abuse.

The main thrust for Community foreign policy would be in the Middle East. He said pressure "can and must be stepped up" on the Arab and Israeli to start talks. Help had to be given to Jordan to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization about the occupied territories.

In East-West relations, Signor Andreotti believed the Community had a vital back-up in the arms talks between the superpowers.

Like all his recent predecessors as President, Signor Andreotti identified unemployment as the central problem of the Community. But without the cash to start programmes, he could not suggest any tangible ideas for the industrial and technical collaboration he knew was needed to tackle the problem.

## Inquiry into Pershing fire begins

From Michael Binyon  
Bonn

A parliamentary defence committee began a closed hearing yesterday into the causes of an American Pershing 2 nuclear missile last Friday, when three American soldiers were burnt to death and 16 injured.

US military authorities have already begun an investigation at Heilbronn, the American base where the missile's fuel caught fire as it was being unloaded. A German Air Force officer will take part and a report is expected in about a month. Washington has promised Bonn that the German people will be fully informed.

The Bundestag Speaker refused to allow the Social Democrats to ask urgent priority questions on the accident, and Bonn has insisted the matter is for the Americans to deal with. There have been suggestions the accident was caused by the "extreme cold".

The Government has insisted the accident should in no way hold up the deployment of the new Nato missiles. Herr Lothar Rühl, State Secretary at the Defence Ministry, said yesterday that the population had never been in danger.

## Official in power site row quits

From Richard Bassett  
Vienna

Dr Emil Schuller, the senior Austrian civil servant in charge of police at the controversial Hainburg power station site, has resigned, and accused the Government of indecision in handling violent clashes with protesting environmentalists.

In an almost unprecedented move, Dr Schuller said the Government had denied its executive any reasonable power in dealing with protests at the site, east of Vienna on the Gach border.

After the most violent protests, on December 19, when police tried to break up the demonstrations with batons, the Government ordered police to withdraw while Cabinet considered the matter. But the absence of any new decision has only frustrated both Government supporters and opponents.

Dr Schuller's resignation has expressed for many Austrians the Government's lack of decisiveness. His remarks are seen as a sign that Austria's once-renowned art of political compromise may have been damaged irrevocably by the passions aroused by Hainburg.

## Coastguards repel pirate raid on cruise liner

Singapore (Reuter) - The Philippines Coastguard foiled an attempt by pirates to board a cruise liner carrying 260 passengers, mostly Australians, the captain of the vessel said yesterday.

Captain Malcolm Anderson, an Englishman, said four "locals" on an outrigger canoe tried to climb aboard, but they were chased away by a coastguard patrol boat.

Passengers and crew on the Hong Kong-registered ship, which was on a cruise from Bali, spotted the outrigger before the coastguard came on the scene.

"There was no alarm among the passengers who took it all in their stride. It was the first such incident," he said.

The Singapore Government charged the vessel earlier this month for a four-day cruise for 500 unmarried Civil servants as part of an official match-making programme.

He said the pirates did not actually board the ship, and fled after one of their three outriggers was fired on by the coastguard.

The coastguard said earlier that the pirates were swarming on board the liner at the mouth



Boarders repelled: The cruise ship Coral Princess, owned by the China Navigation Co. of London.

## Second trial for 14 Hell's Angels arrested in 1983

Bonn - The trial opened in Hamburg yesterday of 14 members, including two Britons, of a "Hell's Angels" motor cycle gang accused of rape, indecent assault, membership of a criminal organization, trading in drugs and prostitution, robbery, fraud, causing bodily harm and racketeering (Michael Binyon writes).

Arrested in 1983, they were brought to trial in November, but the proceedings, behind bullet-proof glass in a specially converted court, collapsed six days later on a legal technicality.

## 16 face trial in Hungary for gold smuggling

Vienna - Sixteen Hungarians will be tried in March for complicity in the biggest case of gold smuggling in Hungary's post-war history, the official Budapest news agency reported yesterday. (Richard Bassett writes).

The court will hear how a Hungarian married couple allegedly bought gold here on monthly shopping expeditions.

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Eden Soho Poly In his literature, civilized man has always harboured idyllic visions of an arcadian golden

land of love and happiness. An Eden. A new play by Adrian Eekersley imaginatively poses the question what if...?

Irving Wardle At first it seems possible that dreams can come true. Eden the man has long prayed for the return of humankind (it seems the place was once an exotic and exclusive resort for the nineteenth-century social set).

the murky thickets of their inner selves. The Man Friday (Joseph Charles) turns out to be part sacrificial victim, offering himself too fully to each member of the family...

manages to emerge unscathed, but wiser, from the experience. But the Pleasure Principle company, and their director Mark Scanlbury, have not resolved the tensions between television sitcom acting and humour and an obvious desire for Eden to be regarded as a serious parable.

Robert Page

Concerts Voices decoded

BBCPO/Berio Free Trade Hall, Manchester/Radio 3

Some of the most fascinating musical works are those that were never written, like Beethoven's Faust or Wagner's late symphonies. To this repository of the imagination may now be added, if on a lower level, Luciano Berio's orchestral arrangement of Brahms's F minor Viola Sonata...

Unlike Berio's first Folk Songs, which consisted more simply of settings for Cathy Berberian to sing, 'Folk' is a fantasy woven around the original melodies. Of course, the fact that they are sung by an instrument and not a voice makes a difference, even if Mr Bennici's viola proved itself eminently capable of suggesting ethnic models: rough, guttural and oriental drone-rooted.

Paul Griffiths

Versatile winds

Chilton/Payne/Bennett Wigmore Hall

A windy night at the Wigmore: wheezes from the accordion and gusty blasts from the saxophone. The decibel power of Tim Payne's playing in Denison's raucous Sonata for Alto Saxophone was alarming and in Claude Pascal's entirely trivial Sonatine for the same instrument he and his spirited pianist, Dina Bennett, swept the torrent of notes (originally a showpiece for Marcel Mule) away like a confident snow-plough.

By far the sweetest music, however, came in Howard Skempton's Twin Set and Pearls: this alone acknowledged the traditional language of the accordion in a lovely sequence of seven simple ideas, "brightly" with um-pah accompaniment, "gently" with harmonious thirds, "lightly" with a single line, "sturdily" with church harmonium chord sequences, "steadily" with Messiaen-like devotion, "slowly" with dislocated counterpoint and finally "extremely slowly" coming to rest on a reposeful major chord. Nice to hear one of those again.

Nicholas Kenyon

Theatre in the United States: Holly Hill finds one precious stone among rather more rubble on the New York stage

Joyful hymn to national game

"The Team" in Diamonds: engaging singing, dancing and clowning

Spare me the tedium of real baseball games, but take me back to Diamonds (Circle in the Square-Downtown), the new Off-Broadway musical celebration of America's national sport...



song of a proper young lady who turns four, matched when watching baseball, a version of the Abbott and Costello "Who's on First" played by an adult and a child...

A beautiful young actress (as demonstrated in the film 'Wolfer', where she played opposite Albert Finney), Diane Venora has transformed herself into a veritable hag for Rachel, and blends an inner radiance with early humour.

such films as Country and Places in the Heart. As the author goes no deeper than the conflict between an ageing couple who want their son to come home and run the failing farm and his metropolitan career-minded wife...

A drama weighted by foggy ideas and inconsistent characters is Bill C. Davis's Dancing in the End Zone (Ritz Theatre). Though I have yet to see a play directed by Melvin Bernhardt in which most actors achieve more than strident stereotypes...

Inner radiance, earthy humour: Diane Venora transformed into a veritable hag in Messiah

Television Manipulating lives

Real Lives (BBC 1) followed the interesting career of Victoria Mullova, a Russian violinist who defected to the United States in 1983. She was greeted in a blaze of publicity but, as other defectors have discovered, the consequences of the freedom she sought with such assiduity are not always as expected.

As an account of her entry into a new world, this was a fascinating documentary: she learnt first how much she was "worth", since she soon realized that she had come to a country in which the power and dominance of money are taken for granted. And, with the money, came self-promotion as she was trained to change her manner on the concert platform.

Peter Ackroyd

2) is a miracle of reconstruction - not so much of Bennett's novel as of the setting and period in which it is fixed as securely as a piece of coal in a coal-face. The atmosphere of gloom and claustrophobia is almost palpable, as pale-faced Anna makes her way through all the other pale faces. Of course it is BBC literature and BBC history but, like the contents of a well-furnished room, they are now both reassuring and familiar: the music, the interiors, the street scenes in which scores of people are all walking around at precisely the same moment, the perplexing attempts at a regional accent, all of these things are unbeatable.

Peter Ackroyd

Piano perfection by Welmar advertisement with image of a piano.

Advertisement for a play or performance, mentioning 'The Team' and 'Diamonds'.

Advertisement for a play or performance, mentioning 'Dancing in the End Zone'.

Advertisement for a play or performance, mentioning 'A clever, spooky film... Nicole Calfan is terrific'.

Advertisement for a play or performance, mentioning 'LES CITIENS'.

Large advertisement for the film 'AMADEUS', including cast list, showtimes, and box office information.



SPECTRUM

The man with a price on his head

The Times Profile: Nigel Lawson

"So far the Government's life, the preparation of public opinion and the communication of government policy have been its areas of greatest weakness. But although it is true enough that actions speak louder than words - and certainly words without action are useless - actions without words are usually dangerous and often impossible."

Not, as you might suppose, a commentary on the Chancellor's confusions over the pound - but Nigel Lawson himself, writing of his predecessor-but-one as Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1973. Thus do the words blithely let loose by a journalist return against him in government. Lawson is learning about communication the hard way. The Chancellor is the fastest-risen of the Prime Minister's men. Like a souffe, he is now surrounded by colleagues wondering if he is

kind of grudging respect. Healey, after all, had terrorized, fascinated and deeply impressed his Treasury civil servants.

There is something in the comparison. Lawson, like Healey, is possessed of high intelligence and a certain brutish aggression, easily repulsed by the strong but condemned by the weak as arrogance; both men take insufficient pains with the fools that litter their chosen professions.

One journalist Lawson admires once described him as "a man who would cross a road to pick a fight". Lawson may lack Healey's sparkling literary scholarship, but also his oxhide. Today's Chancellor is sensitive and nervous about his public performances.

But in 1979, of course, he above all lacked Healey's weight. Nevertheless, he became, in public and in private, the creator and apologist of government economic thinking.

Inside the Treasury, while Sir Geoffrey Howe favoured exhaustive discussions of the options, Lawson favoured the single stroke of policy.

At this time Lawson forged a close alliance with the two officials who now run the Treasury under his Chancellorship - Sir Terence Burns, the Chief Economic Adviser imported from the London Business School, aged only 35, in 1980, and Sir Peter Middleton, the Deputy Secretary in charge of monetary policy who leap-frogged his superiors to become Permanent Secretary in 1983.

But in 1981 Lawson himself was overtaken - by a rather similar, though younger, Thatcher man, Mr Leon Britan, lawyer and brother of Lawson's friend Sam Britan of the Financial Times, was brought into the Treasury. He entered above Lawson, and in the Cabinet, as Chief Secretary, a thankless job which consists of beating down other departments' demands for cash.

Lawson's first big set-piece - his 1984 Budget - was a triumph

He is possessed of high intelligence and a certain brutish aggression

beginning to sag. The speculation is misplaced. No Chancellor (as Sir Geoffrey Howe or Denis Healey could testify) has been properly blooded until he has heard Press or Parliament baying for his resignation.

Mrs Thatcher is not about to sack a minister so closely identified with her policies, one whose first Budget, indeed, she said displayed "vision and skill of a high order".

But ever since that Budget Lawson has had a rough time, with gloomy news on unemployment and a weak pound. He failed to achieve the essential standing ovation at the last Tory party conference. Now the Chancellor is in Washington with the world's four other top finance ministers, and certainly aware that a false move there could trigger another market panic.

It is not long since Lawson was sitting on the comfortable, journalist's side of the fence. From early on, he was politically committed, sorting out the matchsticks in Sir Alec Douglas-Home's economic speeches in the campaign of 1964.

He had a long struggle to find himself a seat, and was already sufficiently well known for every failure to be noticed, while other would-be politicians hunted in decent obscurity. In 1974, already in his forties, he was finally elected for Blaby, in Leicestershire.

From then on progress was rapid. He was very much part of the inner circle of economic policy makers that forged Thatcherism between 1974 and 1979. Unlike so many of those who jumped aboard the Thatcher bandwagon, Lawson had some pedigree of opposition to expansionary budget policies. In 1971, he described himself as the traditional odd man out in Bateman cartoons: "The man who booted the Barber Budget".

In 1979 he was given the best of all junior ministers' jobs - Financial Secretary to the Treasury. There he was early seen as a power in the land. "The poor man's Denis Healey" was officials' nickname, touched with a

Wholly unprepared for the role, Britan nevertheless survived and indeed enhanced his reputation. But when Mrs Thatcher was looking for a new chancellor, she sent the lawyer to the Home Office and brought the financial journalist back to the Treasury.

Lawson had meanwhile secured a seat in the Cabinet as Energy Secretary. It was a time when the Government was embarking on the choppy waters of privatization, and Lawson was soon in the thick of the storm. Share prices too high or too low threatened to wreck the reputation of the officiating minister, strap of the gas industry, exploded into public. But Lawson was spared a miners' strike and arrived at the 1983 election with a considerable increase in political weight.

At the Treasury, Lawson's old allies rejoiced at this appointment, but from the beginning there was a risk of imbalance. The top of the Treasury ran smoothly, with its



The Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, in pensive mood (above) and relaxing with his family (left) far from the cares of minding the Exchequer

was also markedly more popular than the Treasury expected.

But there were clouds on the horizon. Pessimists in the City were heard to mutter that Lawson was loosening up on monetary policy together with weakening oil prices and an ever-strong dollar, doubts about monetary policy were to undermine the pound from then on. In the political world, Lawson was being attacked from the other side. Policy, it was said, was not too loose, it was too tight - as evidenced by the continuing rise in unemployment.

Caught between the two, Lawson spent a difficult autumn, complicated further by an exceptionally severe public spending struggle. The miners' strike meanwhile debilitated public finances, growth, output and the exchange rate. At the party conference when Lawson failed to rouse his audience, the party began to mutter.

The party had, of course, muttered long and loud about Sir Geoffrey Howe, as Britain plunged into its worst postwar recession.

But Sir Geoffrey Howe, even at the very worst, could usually count on some long-standing residual affection in the parliamentary party. Lawson, the newcomer, the journalist, the fast-track outsider, the man who does not obviously display affection for the House of Commons, does not have a similar fund of political capital.

He is also, of course, vulnerable on unemployment. He was part of the Treasury that proved over-optimistic in 1979-81 about the likely increase

HIS LIFE AND POLITICAL CAREER

Born: 1932  
Educated: Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford  
1954: 1st class honours Politics, Philosophy and Economics  
1961-63: City Editor, Sunday Telegraph  
1963-64: Speechwriter to Sir Alec Douglas-Home  
1966-70: Editor, Spectator  
1970: Contested Eton and Slough for the Conservatives  
1974: Elected MP for Blaby  
1978: Financial Secretary to the Treasury  
1981: Joined the Cabinet as Energy Secretary  
1983: Chancellor of the Exchequer

in the dole queue. He rashly ventured an opinion during the 1983 election campaign - while other ministers grimly stuck to waffle - that there was "a very good prospect that by next year we will see the start of a fall in unemployment".

There was a brief decline that autumn; without the miners' strike, things might have been a little better in 1984. But the salt of this over-optimism is being rubbed into his wounds today.

And then, of course, there were the two sterling dramas. How much blame for the latest can be shaken off

It is the City's suspicion that he is a touch too clever

on to No 10 and the Prime Minister's Press office, how much will subside with market hysteria, are yet to be established. It certainly raised a question mark over Lawson's future, exacerbated by a bad parliamentary performance on Monday. On Tuesday, however, the parliamentary verdict seemed to be that he had repaired the damage, but a lot is riding on his second Budget.

His first was a hard act to follow. This pre-Budget period is proving particularly stormy, the intervention of the Prime Minister particularly obvious and counter-productive. Yet it would be unwise to assume that Lawson has shot his bolt.

From Mrs Thatcher's point of view, he has the virtue of conviction; he has also the proven attributes of consistency and coherence. Yet he is not inflexible. Indeed, it is the City's suspicion that he is a touch too clever that has brought some of his difficulties on him. He has the energy to proceed with radical tax reform.

For all Nigel Lawson was closely identified with Mrs Thatcher's early policies, he is genuinely a second-term man in a Cabinet that is beginning to look a little dog-eared. He and his second wife, and their two small children, give some semblance of youth to this administration. He displays a certain invigorating charm, only Nigel Lawson could be called "The British Experiment".

Other legacies of his journalistic days include too-tight suits (the waistcoats are fortunately disappearing), for which he cheerfully pleads the poverty of the politician as an excuse, and a certain robust wit. At the Sunday Telegraph, he is said to have coined Lawson's law of large companies: that the height of the chairman is inversely related to his profits. No giant himself, Lawson may yet attempt to prove his parallel for politicians. Sarah Hogg

moreover... Miles Kingston

My family ties with St Michael

Last weekend I had the strange experience, for the first time in my life, of visiting a place with the same name as me - not Kingston in Hertfordshire, but a village near Chippenham called Kingston St Michael, which is the Marks & Spencer branch I would have been expected to expect to find traces of ancestors there. In fact, any place with the same name as you is the most unlikely place to provide ancestors, as place-derived surnames were awarded to your forebears when they left the place and arrived somewhere else where they had to be identified.

And sure enough, as I pushed my way through the high gate of Kingston St Michael's church, I found a strange stone in the nave and rambled through the covered graveyard, there was not a Kingston to be seen, only ghosts called Sealy, Wick and Piery. Inside the church there was rather more life, the white of a high-speed drill came from the NE corner, where a sweating churchwarden was struggling to replace a leaking water pipe before it rotted everting.

"Hello", he said, glad of the distraction, "would you like to visit the belfry?"

They are very proud of the belfry at Kingston St Michael. In 1799 all the six bells were taken away, returned and rehung, which was about as strenuous as undertaking as removing the clock of Big Ben as get it cleaned and have a Teasdale fixed. After climbing past the tower through left after left, and then on top of the bells and wondering cautiously if the tower was really strong enough to take the weight of these enormous percussion instruments.

"The tower fell down in 1703", said the warden-brick. "This one is very modern, 1725, so there's no danger."

Remembering Dorothy Sayers's *The Nine Tailors*, in which a man caught in a belfry is rung to death by bells, we clambered down again soon enough and did the tour of the church. Norman arch in nave... 13th century porch... flowers dating from very late 1984... but the quietest thing was the stained glass east window, donated in 1975 by Squire Progers. The panel depicting the text "Suffer the little children to come unto me" shows Christ receiving children from the splitting image of Mrs Progers, in a brown robe and a head dress, which according to Kilvert's Diary caused intense gossip and indignations at the time.

This I learn from the splendid church history leaflet, which reveals that both Kilvert and John Aubrey, of *Brief Lives* fame, were local lads. Stiff literary competition this, so we retire to the village pub for some wine. The Jolly Huntsman is a jolly place indeed, full of roaring fire and Sunday drinkers, though the congregation is hardly parochial. At the bar I hear a man say: "Now take Marrakesh, which is a typical island Moroccan town..."

The Jolly Huntsman, says the church leaflet, is 18th century, restored in 1880. What it doesn't mention is how often it has been changed since. Down the north end, in the eating area, it has been through a Spanish phase with curly wrought iron and little Moorish arches. The nave is predominantly equestrian with horse brasses, a hunting horn and several fox-chasing prints. The south end is, oddly, devoted to the Battle of Waterloo, while the altar or bar itself is currently going through a cocktail phase and is hung with recipes from everything from Pina Colada to Blue Lagoon.

Odd, isn't it, church renovations are meticulously listed while pub alterations are ignored? Yet the archaeological chronology of pubs is just as interesting, we muse, as we are thrown out at closing time and prepare to perambulate Kingston St Michael. Comby says, I hope, Kingston Langley and West Kingston.

Making millions by going to the wall

Osborne and Little are the men who gave conventional wallpaper a pasting. They transformed it from being just something with which to paper over the cracks into an art form. Among the cognoscenti, their partnership is synonymous with the likes of Turnbull & Asser and Fortnum & Mason.

Now, the kitchen-table industry of the 1960s which was started with just £4000, mostly borrowed from family and friends, is about to go public (on February 7) with an expected Stock Exchange rating of between £5 million and £10 million.

Floating the company they have nurtured since its modest inception was no easy decision for 41-year-old brothers-in-law Peter Osborne and Antony Little. They were well aware of the loss of freedom and increased pressures it would entail. In the end, they decided to follow the successful examples of The Body Shop whose Stock Exchange listings, according to Osborne, gave it "enhanced status and prestige resulting in escalating sales".

In fact, during their comparatively brief professional lifetime, Osborne and Little have already achieved all three. They have papered the walls of the world's aristocratic and elite from the Sultan of Oman to the regenerated Gleneagles Hotel. Their sales have rocketed from 3000 rolls of wallpaper in 1969 to 385,000 last year, of which exactly one quarter was exported.

And, from making a loss of £1,000 in their first year with a turnover of £23,000, the profit for 1984 was £700,000 and the turnover £4 million.

Little. "There is just pure determination. I used to believe that you either had it or hadn't but now I realize that everything has to be polished again and again. I'm not a natural perfectionist - I have to work hard at it. I did our first range of wallpapers in about a week. Now it takes me between six months and a year to design a collection."

Even so, that first range won the firm a much-coveted award from the Council of Industrial Design.

The story began in 1967 when Little, a printer's son from North Wales who was married to Osborne's sister, was working as a freelance interior designer for 1960s-style companies such as Biba.

Osborne, an Oxford-educated baronet, had spent an excruciatingly boring year as a trainee in a merchant bank and was thinking of opening an antiquarian bookshop.

Little agreed to share the rent with him in order to display the wallpaper designs he was screen-printing on his kitchen table. Realizing that there was a huge gap in the wallpaper market which consisted almost entirely of old-fashioned, mass-produced styles, Little was experimenting with bold avant garde designs.

They rented a converted locksmith's shop in Knightsbridge for £27 a week and hand-printed their designs on reels of photographers' backdrop paper which they cut up and sold for 29 shillings a roll.



Brothers in big business: Osborne (standing) and Little

their biggest customer as well as acting as their agent in New York.

The inspiration for their elegant and imaginative designs frequently comes from sources as unlikely as the rotting walls of Sicily which Little discovered on holiday, or yellow lichen on grey Cotswold stone.

Yet, they deliberately ensure that there is no obvious Osborne & Little style. "That way you reach a wider market," says Osborne.

With their Stock Exchange debut, they are now considering going into other areas of home furnishings such as bed linen. But, although they have undoubtedly come a long way from the early days when they did everything themselves from packing the wallpaper to checking its quality, their designs are not to everyone's taste.

Prince Charles, for instance, recently turned down all the Osborne & Little samples selected by his interior designer in favour of something a little more conventional. Sally Brompton

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BOOKS

A womb with a man's-eye view

Final plans for the formation of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists were apparently arrived at in the course of a shooting party in the fells of North Lancashire in the early 1920s. The symbolic overtones of this two-knickerbockered scene are not missed by Ann Oakley, who misses very little and who goes on to point out that there were nine signatories to the articles of association and all of them were men.

Fiona MacCarthy

THE CAPTURED WOMB: A History of the Medical Care of Pregnant Women. By Ann Oakley. Blackwell, £17.50

Nature is increasingly mistreated and the fruits of the womb come under a (mainly male) medical surveillance. The medicalization of pregnancy is an issue with wide implications in relation to the medicalization of life in general and specific relevance to feminism since the fact - a point arresting in its very obviousness - is that only women who get pregnant.

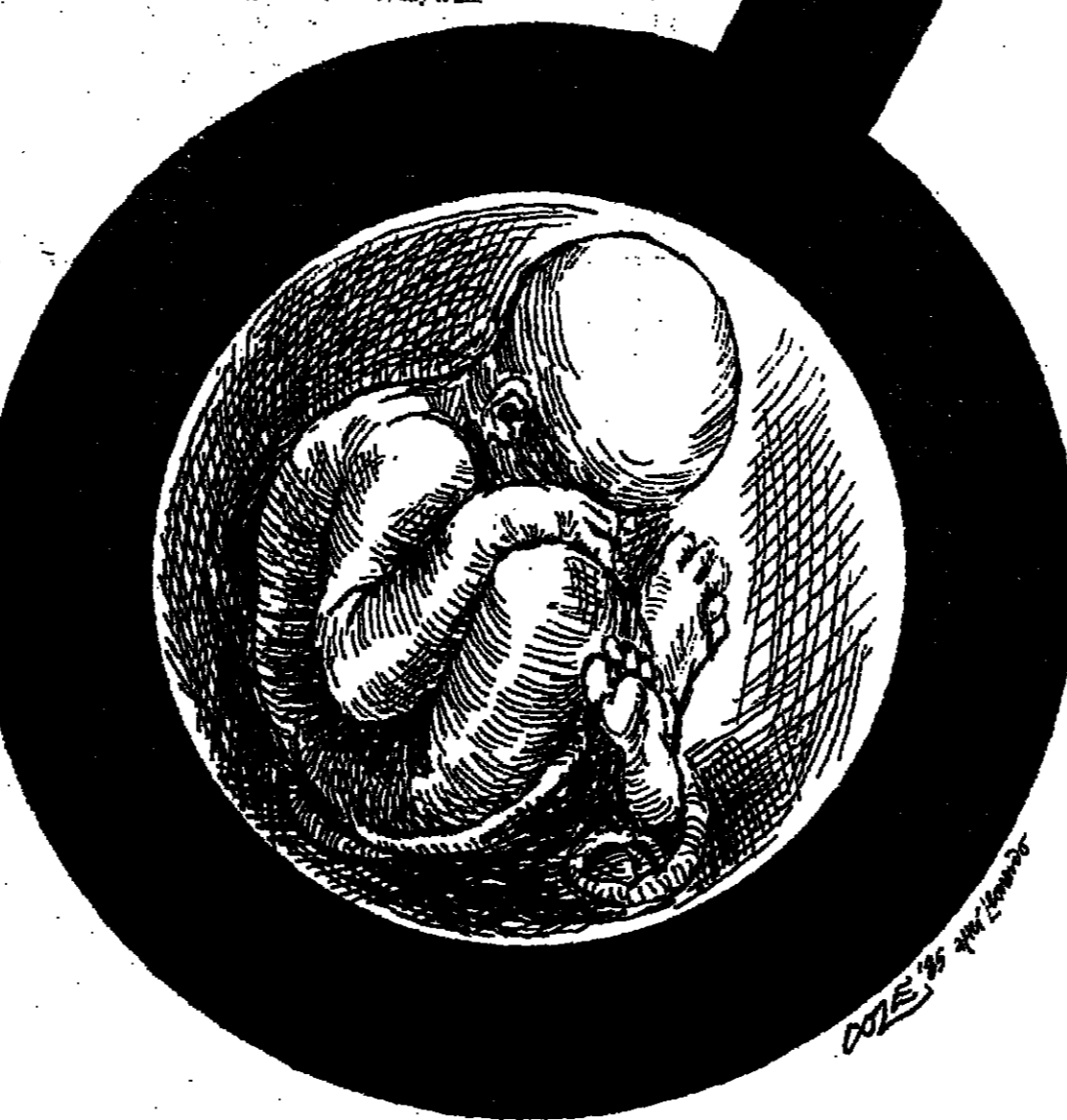
In her account of the past 80 years activity, as male doctors created the profession of obstetrics, she describes a kind of Boys' Own world of keenness and adventure. Women's wombs, until then mysterious territory, were explored by means of speculum and endoscope, their contents monitored by ultrasonic sound waves, until the obstetricians knew more about the foetus than the prospective mothers did themselves. All this was very stimulating for the doctors, who were easily betrayed into most tactless phrasology.

There is not much difference after all, between the Midwifery Act of 1861, whose male chauvinistic prose is a red rag to Ms Oakley - "between a fetus in utero and a submarine at sea."

The question of why women have by no means all availed themselves of the ante-natal care on offer is a crucial one, and one which has exasperated obstetricians and occupied the hours of many medical research units. Ann Oakley finds the reasons altogether obvious. There has been little relation between what doctors have said ante-natal care ought to consist of and the level of care which has actually materialized. Furthermore, no one has seriously thought of asking women what they want (or do not want) from ante-natal care.

This is an academic book, at an academic price, but it is I think in most ways more humane and more convincing than Edward Shorter's recent more overtly popular History

of Women's Bodies. (Maybe this says something, though half-way through the book I might have doubted it was possible, in favour of the actual possession of a womb.) The book is unusually well-designed, through all its complex diagrams and tabulations, and the bibliography, a large one, is exemplary, so good it almost makes the text itself a bit superfluous, ranging as it does from The Strength of Imagination in Pregnant Women Examined (Blondel, 1727) to Long Distance Telemetry of Fetal Heart Rate from Patients' Homes using Futho (Telephone Network, 1983, British Medical Journal). There is a dreadful sense in which this seems to say it all.



Pole-axed on the ice: a divine stubbornness

Timothy Garton Ash

A FREEDOM WITHIN: The Prison Notes of Cardinal Wyszyński. Translated by Barbara Krzywicki-Heyburn and Walter J. Ziemba. Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95

In September, 1953, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the Primate of Poland, was arrested by secret police and imprisoned in a remote monastery. "I had feared that I would never share this honour, which had befallen all my seminary colleagues," Wyszyński notes on the first day of his internment. "They had all experienced concentration camps and prisons." Suddenly and completely cut off from the outside world, guarded by surly secret policemen (one "reminiscent of a Nazi noncom") in bare, freezing quarters, Wyszyński was given a convicted criminal and a nun for company. They were to spend almost three years together, before the Primate returned in triumph to Warsaw in the "Polish October" of 1956.

As a record of their outward life his Prison Notes are immediately accessible, touching and inspiring. The solitary and middle-aged Cardinal was obviously a little tried by the sun, who spent much time in the kitchen "where there were very loud conversations and laughter with the housekeeper," as he jots testily. "Because my room was right over the kitchen, I could not help hearing all those noises. I often reminded Sister not to waste her time in conversation but to study and read." Yet together they plainly managed to improvise a real religious community, with a regular monastic timetable, intensive prayer, and Masses High and Low. On Easter Sunday, 1955, Wyszyński marks the contrast between the captives "singing and joy," and the glum silence of their captors. "We stopped for a moment at the desk of the guard on duty. We implored him to light off sorrow, since it was not proper for victors to wear such glum faces. And, we added, everything on earth is resurrecting... He smiled with antiseptic caution."

The Primate himself emerges as a man of divine stubbornness, losing no chance to explain to his guards how his basic rights have been violated, that this was just like a concentration camp. "You covered my windows with blotting paper so that people would not see the Primate of Poland; but no one will be able to

shield these windows from the world", and so on, until his gaolers retreat to "consult higher authorities". Yet there is no assurance of earthly victory. Wyszyński's notes are a vivid reminder of how close the Polish Church came to institutional demolition under the double onslaught of Nazism and Stalinism. There was nothing inevitable about its resurrection as the great autonomous institution it is today. In large measure this was Wyszyński's personal achievement, based (as he here records) on a careful historical analysis of the fate of the Churches elsewhere in Eastern Europe, and a fine ethical understanding of the limits of permissible compromise with the powers-that-be. It was the mixture of principled stubbornness and readiness to compromise which made his personal greatness.

Yet the largest part of A Freedom Within is neither a contribution to prison literature, nor a slice of political history, but an intimate record of one Christian's spiritual life in a time of trial. The difficulty of reading this spiritual record comes not from the translation, which is very faithful (in all senses), but from the very stuff of the religious experience which it attempts to convey. Someone brought up in the cold light of northern protestantism may just follow him when he talks in prayer to Christ, about his enforced poverty. "A week before my arrest you asked me, in such a distinct voice: 'Would you know how to be poor?' I answered then, 'I think so, Christ. I now answer your question with my daily life.' But can we follow him in his passionate, daily conversation with the Virgin Mary, Mary Mother of God and Queen of Poland?

When Irish Is are writing

Irish history is for Englishmen to remember and Irishmen to forget, but when the history of 20th-century literature comes under scrutiny by future generations, or little green men, or even critics, it will be seen even more clearly than it is now that the Irish short story in English has a front-desk place among the instruments of fiction. Again and again, in hands more Anglo-Irish than sovereign Irish, on the whole, but always identifiably Irishmen, it demonstrates a means of story-telling as potent as the English Novel.

FICTION  
Gay Firth

THE CAPTAIN'S PARAMOURS  
By K. Arnold Price  
Hamish Hamilton, £8.95  
MADE FOR EACH OTHER  
By Virginia Ironside  
Hamish Hamilton, £7.95

kaleidoscope at random through prismatic patterns in an Ireland which, though modern, is still a very long way from anywhere in all directions. They show marriage in suburban Dublin, a thwarted country courtship, the friendship of two girls, one a butterfly tease, the other quiet and conscientious and the last who, loving one and married to the other, "felt the blessed assurance of a long life with her in which she would be a loving faithful wife and he a loving unfaithful husband."

Salegiers in a fashion boutique, confident in their chattering, narcissistic nest, find themselves uncomfortable with even demoralized by a cuckoo colleague, quiet but classy. "Like a good ballet every tale had its convincing circumstantial plan and a due share of elliptical dialogue. The listener's intelligent participation was assumed." (It is not often in this column that an author seems actually to anticipate the reviewer.) Everywhere the tone is gentle, the glance sidelong, the humour poised on a high wire of wit.

These stories have their own 'achieved' maturity, an achieved equilibrium, as impressive as the imperturbable, unhurried adult characters and characteristics used to highlight

youth, instability, and confusion. Mrs Mandy, whose shop sells socks, or a new bucket, or parsley, in the village or the townland might need - has "a voice always so quiet that it didn't break the silence." So has K. Arnold Price. Fearlessly, Virginia Ironside grabs death, and grief, and sex, and love by the scruff of their respective necks in a recklessly ambitious, crudely unpolitic move to make those four superpowers sit down in a novel and sign a treaty of mutual cooperation called Made For Each Other. For want of negotiating finesse rather than intensity of purpose, the attempt fails. That is a pity: better jaw, jaw than war, war, but we should not despair, still less call upon Miss Ironside to resign in disgrace.

She has perceived that magnetic attraction and magnetic affinity, which are not the same thing in chemistry, are not the same thing in the chemistry of human response, either. This is a first-person account of Viola Evert coming to terms, more or less, with that discovery, in the course of an affair embarked upon partly to short-circuit the process of mourning for her dead mother, partly to exorcize the spirit of a mother as much loved as loathed, partly in childish defiance of both, shows writing skills which give no cause for alarm or despondency.

The problem, ignored at our peril and to the peril of the novel, is that death, and grief, and sex, and love are more than powerfully human. They share a superhuman common denominator: mystery. In a narrative which leaves so little - so very little - sexual activity to the imagination, there is not much mystery to start with, and not enough - not nearly enough - to go round.

O Yes, the Führer knew all about it

Philip Howard

HITLER AND THE FINAL SOLUTION  
By Gerald Fleming  
Hamish Hamilton, £12.95

This book demonstrates in laborious and painful detail that from the beginning Hitler wanted to exterminate the Jews of Europe. This might seem to be the plain man's view of a work of supererogation as demonstrating that a black mamba is venomous. It is necessary because the revisionist "functionalist" school of German historians, echoed by David Irving in this country, have been arguing that the Nazis stumbled into genocide by accident rather than by design. It is easier for these simple souls to believe in cock-and-bull than demonic conspiracy.

These black and secret matters are difficult to prove by documents. The Führer used code (eine Sprachregelung) to communicate delicate matters to his closest colleagues, in a masterpiece of camouflage that they enjoyed like wicked schoolboys. But we know that evasion and elimination were emphatic. "Disinfection" meant gassing. And "on orders from the highest level" or "on the highest orders" meant You know Who.

The Reader in German at the University of Surrey has assembled the documentary and

This is the second volume of George F. Kennan's three-part study of the Franco-Russian alliance from its making in the early 1890s to its collapse with the Russian revolution. The book demonstrates with complete authority the central paradox of what Kennan calls "an alliance of historic significance, destined to play an important part in determining the alignment of forces in the First World War."

The paradox lay in the flimsy, secretive nature of the alliance, just a military convention confirmed by the two governments, which yet committed the partners to automatic mobilization if Germany, Austria or Italy began to mobilize either singly or collectively. When the Franco-Russian agreement became inter-twined with the Balkan rivalries of the great powers it led to the events of August 1914.

Initially, Kennan brings out the formal reasons which drew Paris and St Petersburg together in the early 1890s. The French saw a Russian alliance as a means of inflicting a salutary defeat on Germany. The Russians envisaged the agreement as a way of keeping

Historian of the old order's demise

David Rees

THE FATEFUL ALLIANCE  
France, Russia and the Coming of the First World War  
By George F. Kennan  
Manchester University, £13

Germany off their backs "while they settled scores with the Austrians and the British."

But the real prime mover of this strange alliance was the enigmatic figure of the Tsar Alexander III. By 1890 the Tsar's long-standing dislike of German influence in his empire had congealed into a belief that a Franco-Russian victory over Germany would mean the disappearance of the Bismarckian empire... "It would break up into a number of small weak states, the way it

vention, negotiated in secrecy, which was signed in August 1892 and confirmed by the two governments some sixteen months later. But the Tsar's wish for an alliance with France against Germany was no isolated assertion of the imperial will. It was Alexander III who inspired the construction of the Trans-Siberian railway as a means of asserting Russian influence in the Far East. Yet this massive diversion of Russian resources to the East culminated in the Russo-Japanese war, "a disaster from which the value of Russia, as an alliance partner for France, was never fully to recover".

Kennan writes that formerly the dynastic wars of the European powers had been fought for limited objectives. But the military thinking behind the Franco-Russian alliance called for total war for total victory, a twentieth-century concept. Such precepts were literally fatal for Russian autocracy; the eventual showdown based on these ideas initiated the era in which we still live. Hence Kennan's study is a classic case-history of the old order of European diplomacy as it approaches its dissolution.

Fifty years ago to anyone interested in literature the name Robert Bridges meant a lot. This is no longer. Bridges is now so neglected that the Oxford University Press has let his works go out of print. It should know better. In England's last hundred years, his only contemporary rivals Hardy, Yeats, and Hopkins; and, at his best, equal to any of them.

Whither, O neglected old poet?

David Cecil

THE SELECTED LETTERS OF ROBERT BRIDGES  
Edited by Donald E. Stanford  
Associated University Presses, £42.95

his feeling for landscape; no other of our poets describe the English scene quite as he does and few as well. Generally it is the rural scene; but a poem like "London Snow" shows his urban pictures as equally unforgettable.

The sentiment of Bridges' poetry is also very much his own. Sad or happy, light or serious, it is marked by a noble, unselfish acceptance of what fate has brought him which give it an unusual, unmistakable individuality. All the same, Bridges was right not to think his actual outlook original. His achievement rather is that with an art exquisitely unobtrusive he expresses feelings shared by many. His words simply strike one as the right words: only on

reflection does one realize that they are words no one else would have chosen.

Pleasure in his poetry leads naturally to an interest in the man who wrote it. Up till now we have not been able to learn much about Bridges: he did not approve of such questions and took pains to see they got no answers. This was because he thought the questioner had no right to ask them not because he had anything to hide. To know what he was like therefore we must turn to those who remember him. Those accounts depict him as an impressive personality, and of an unexpected kind. The author of these reticent, subtle poems was a grand bearded figure, magnificently handsome in a rugged style.

His letters, in two stout volumes, might be expected to help us to know the man more intimately. But most of the letters are no more than brief communications about practical and impersonal matters, unilluminated by confidences, let alone by confessions. The result is that, though these volumes, admirably edited by Professor Stanford, will be essential reading for any future scholar studying Bridges, the general reader must still be content to look for the man in his poems. But perhaps this is the wisest course to take with any poet whose works are worth reading.



oral evidence for the prosecution with remarkable diligence, from sources as impenetrable as the Russian archives at Elga. He writes like cold sauerkraut. His text is repetitious, full of undigested quotation, and manages like the Nazis to dress horror in bureaucratic banality. But he is not in business to give us an elegant read. He proves beyond reasonable doubt that Hitler knew jolly well what was going on; that he planned it from the start; and that at some time in the spring or summer of 1941 he gave an oral order for the Final Solution to be put into effect. It needs to be put into effect, because only by convicting the beast in man can we hope to stop it happening again.

Sermons in stones

Gontran Goulden

THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE  
By Jacob Burkhardt  
Edited by Peter Murray  
Sackler & Warburg, £30

fascinating, not as a narrative, but in the succulent tit-bits to be picked from the bones of Burkhardt's scholarship. For example: in a reference to Palladio on the design of stanzas, "The tread should extend at least a foot, at the most one and a half feet, after eleven or thirteen steps (the number must be odd, so that one begins and ends on the right foot) a rest should be introduced." On Roman patrons: "The spendthrift nephew of Pope Pius II introduced the earliest known ventilating system at a princely reception in his palace - admittedly a merely temporary device with bellows."

Swiss born and German trained Jacob Burkhardt (1818-1897) laid down solid foundations for his Italian Renaissance art, but was not able to build on them. It had been his intention to fill in the gaps in stanzas. "The tread should extend at least a foot, at the most one and a half feet, after eleven or thirteen steps (the number must be odd, so that one begins and ends on the right foot) a rest should be introduced." On Roman patrons: "The spendthrift nephew of Pope Pius II introduced the earliest known ventilating system at a princely reception in his palace - admittedly a merely temporary device with bellows."

This is not a straightforward narrative unfolding Italian Renaissance architecture like a broad carpet. Burkhardt classifies the results of his prodigious reading by patrons, clients, dilettanti and master-builders. He passes from them to examples of each and every type of building, repeatedly returning to his fantastic lists of notes and references. The book has a wealth of illustration in wood-cut, engraving and photograph and the accompanying notes are really interesting. The translation is

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Surprise party

With applications for the post of general secretary due by tomorrow, Labour party headquarters are again awash with rumour, intrigue and manipulation.

Readers discerning a suddenly sharpened focus in Belfast Telegraph leaders might put it down to New Year staff redeployments: the leader writing team now comprises Messrs White, Black and White. They have to clear their expenses through a Mr Grey.

Moor means less

Cornwall County Council may be about to return unopened a gift from Prince Charles. To celebrate the birth of his second son, the Prince in his capacity as Duke of the Duchy of Cornwall presented the council with Kit Hill on Bodmin Moor.

Upshot

The plummeting pound seems to have escaped the Prime Minister's notice. To Liberal MP David Alton, concerned that each cent fall adds £40m to the cost of Trident, she wrote on Tuesday that the weapons would cost £8.7bn.

Many questions

Tories on the Foreign Affairs Select Committee who were keen to conclude its all-too-revealing investigation into the Belgrano sinking have been outmanoeuvred. Labour members of the committee yesterday put down a formal motion asking for further questions to be sent to Mrs Thatcher.



Look, honey, some of those cute little pounds

Iron to gilts

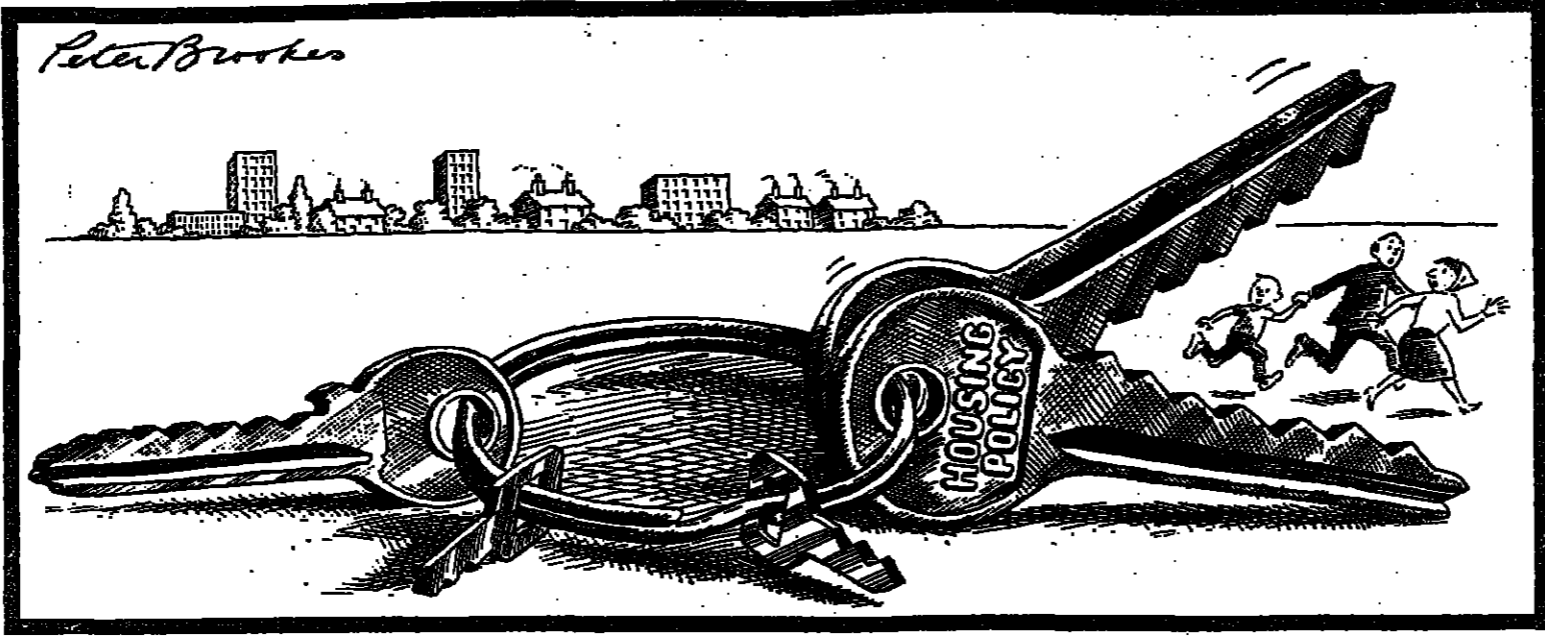
While the Duchess of Bedford still has her Times ironed every morning I hear that her son, Didier Millinaire, manager of Burkes, has begun a new tradition. His secretary's first task each morning is to post The Times portfolio numbers on the notice board for the convenience of the club's members.

Indian summer

President Reagan is doubtless chuffed that India's new Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, has agreed to visit the US in June. He should temper his delight, however. Diplomatic sources tell me that Moscow has beaten Washington to the post and that Gandhi is to visit the Soviet capital in April. The reason Moscow has not impeded the news is the usual one: no one knows if President Chernenko will be well enough to receive him.

PHS

Neil McIntosh points to a ready-made basis for more and better housing



Britain's housing stock is deteriorating and housing investment is appallingly low. Yet somehow the Government has not suffered as a result of its housing failures. Indeed, it sees housing policy as a vote-winner. The reasons are many, but at least one is that the Government's opponents fight with one hand tied behind their backs.

The Government's performance has been woeful not because it wants to see a switch from public to private investment in housing but because it has failed to create the conditions in which that can happen. Conversely the arguments of many Government critics have been weakened by insistence that salvation can only come through state investment in largely state-managed housing.

People on low, variable incomes need to rent. Home ownership is unlikely to be available to them, particularly in the high-cost south. But rented accommodation, a form of tenure which ought to combine easy access and mobility, has been made less convenient, more expensive and more difficult to find.

This is partly explained by tendencies of successive governments to heap on homebuyers more and more financial privileges. Systems of tenure cannot exist in isolation and every new government inducement to buy a house makes renting one less attractive. But pressure on the private rented sector has also meant that renting has become almost synonymous with council housing.

When the Militant-led council took over Liverpool in 1983, one of its first actions was to reject a number of tenants' cooperatives in favour of old-style municipal housing. Those working-class communities were being told in essence that the council would not allow them to use their collective energies and abilities to improve their circumstances, lest they steal a march over even less well-off people. All tenants need to be reduced to the lowest common denominator and would then have to rely on the city council to improve conditions.

Many Labour councils would still contend that the injection of adequate public funds would ensure that there was enough housing to go round, and that the unpleasantly bureaucratic aspects of council housing would disappear.

But assuming the vast sums required were made available, places such as Liverpool demonstrate the weakness in this argument. Even where there is enough housing there will still be queues because nobody wants to be left in the worst council stock.

Bias that keeps people from the door

The rejection of private investment in housing helps no one - least of all the homeless. Tenants are not interested in whether funds to build and improve their homes come from the state or the private sector. They are interested only in a good service and the level of rent.

The traditional assumption has been that private landlords do not provide a good service. But the description "private landlord" could mean any of four things: resident landlords, small commercial landlords, commercial institutions or non-profit-making private bodies such as housing associations.

Resident landlords operate largely outside the Rent Act and should continue to do so. The relationship between landlord and lodger/tenant is a personal one and any move to suggest otherwise would simply discourage such lettings. A simple, inexpensive and sure way of regaining possession is regrettably the only way of retaining this useful although marginal source of accommodation.

Small commercial landlords should not play a large part in our future housing plans. Their management record is poor but the main argument against them, in a situation where consensus is important, is that the public image typified by Rachman rules them out, however unfairly in many cases.

As long as institutions, profit-making or otherwise, are willing to be policed in some way, the element of competition which a new type of commercial landlord could provide would be worth encouraging. But housing associations already provide a fully operational, largely non-controversial network capable of managing housing. At their best, they demonstrate the nonsense of assuming that public or collective enterprise must be the prerogative of the state. All they need is to be weaned away from their present complete dependence on public funds.

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Free speech for the hard sell

Tomorrow the business world discusses

EEC plans for 'television without frontiers'

Brenda Maddox outlines the arguments

Television can cross borders, but should it be able to do so? The European business community is beginning to apply pressure to free the barriers which currently prevent some television material, principally advertising, from crossing national boundaries.

These restrictions are dizzyingly arbitrary. Italy forbids television advertisements for pet foods or boats. France will not tolerate commercials for margarine or the press. Britain, through the Independent Broadcasting Authority, keeps marriage brokers, undertakers and a number of "unacceptable products" off the screen. Belgium and Denmark ban advertising altogether.

The EEC Commission in Brussels wants to iron out these differences. It would like to develop a common market in television and end practices such as Belgium's of trying to force cable television operators to black out commercials shown on programmes taken from other countries. In time, the commission hopes, pan-European channels would develop, creating not only a wider market for EEC goods but also a new European identity.

The commission's aim is to establish a common code. A total ban on tobacco advertising would probably be included, along with a partial ban on some forms of advertising alcohol. But all member governments except Luxembourg oppose such a code.

But no new action by the EEC may be needed to remove many products and services from such blacklists. In a legal opinion prepared by two British barristers,

integrity, the stability of public-service broadcasting, the financial viability of the press, or simply the old media against the new.

Deciding whether or not individual rights under the Convention have been violated by national laws is the job of the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg. If this court continues to broaden its interpretation of Article 10, and strike down excessive restrictions on freedom of speech, as it did when it upheld *The Sunday Times* against the British government in the thalidomide case, then it may not be long before restrictions on commercials are challenged. Britain could once again find itself in the dock.

There are signs, however, that freedom of commercial speech in Europe may be an idea whose time has come. One was a decision last June by the US Supreme Court that the State of Oklahoma could not require cable systems to block out commercials for wine on the television programme they carried from outside the state. The Federal Communications Commission rule requiring the unimpeded flow of information between the states, the court ruled, took precedence over Oklahoma's law banning advertisements for alcohol. This opinion, although American, will have an impact on the EEC, which is trying to develop laws on federal-state relations.

There is nothing obscure in the wording of Article 10. It states clearly that the only restrictions that may be placed on freedom of expression are narrow and specific: those necessary for the protection of national security, health, morals, the reputation of others or of information received in confidence. These do not seem to leave room for all the grounds on which most EEC countries restrain their commercials, such as a wish to protect cultural

Another encouraging sign is the growth of cable and satellite technologies. Television which crosses national boundaries is on the increase and attempts to isolate viewers are increasingly futile.

Above all, the demand for freedom of information and expression is gaining ground. It will not be stopped and, when frustrated, will increasingly turn to the European courts for relief. There are two such cases pending. The Court of Human Rights is to decide soon whether or not a West German veterinarian's rights to free expression were violated when a professional body penalized him for publicising his clinic in a newspaper interview.

The second, at the EEC Court of Justice in Luxembourg, will soon decide whether French law can force French filmmakers to withhold their products from video cassettes for a full year while cinemas have a chance to show them.

If both are resolved with reference to Article 10 it will be a sharper instrument than ever before and well on its way towards becoming Europe's long-overdue approximation of America's First Amendment. Many restrictions on the press and free speech (even if the speaker is a civil servant) could then begin to fall away.

This evolution of Article 10, in step with a new multiplicity of television channels, is in my view the most exciting development in communications today. The author is editor of Connections, communications newsletter of The Economist.

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Bhopal: was cyanide the culprit?

To the casual eye Bhopal seems to have returned to normal after experiencing the world's worst ever industrial disaster. A reasonably pretty town set around two lakes on an archipelago of low hills, it was a former princely capital, whose royal family is presently headed by the cricketer Nawab of Pataudi.

But while the town, the state of Madhya Pradesh, and India itself seem to be absorbing the horror inflicted on December 3, new information with far-reaching implications is beginning to emerge.

It is now becoming clear that those who died in their sleep, or gasping for breath, soon after the incident, died of cyanide poisoning. Other explanations had inconsistencies which were difficult to explain. It was suggested that the escaping gas, methyl isocyanate, was so caustic that it simply corroded the lung linings of those affected, who would then have died from lack of oxygen as their lungs filled with fluid process known as chemical pneumonia or pulmonary oedema.

But this theory does not explain why so many people died so quickly. Pulmonary oedema takes hours to develop. Some doctors say it will not show up for eight hours, and it may not kill for 24. The symptomatic treatment given by doctors all over Bhopal that night and on subsequent days was adequate to combat this threat. By giving doses of cortisone

to repair lung tissues and anti-bodies to fend off infection they saved many thousands of lives.

Information now emerging about the post mortem examination of more than 700 victims raises further doubts. If someone dies of lack of oxygen - anaemia - the blood and tissues take on a distinctly blue tinge. But as Professor Hrish Chandra, head of forensic medicine at Bhopal's Gandhi Medical College, told a recent meeting of the Indian Medical Association, the victims were a cherry-red colour.

The professor's findings were paralleled by those of the Indian Council for Agricultural Research, which noted that affected farm animals also gave cherry red blood samples. This colour can come from carbon monoxide poisoning, unlikely in the open air as carbon monoxide kills in enclosed spaces. It can also come from cyanide poisoning. In order to prove that it was cyanide that killed the Bhopal

victims it will be necessary to show how they came into contact with it.

According to evidence from an American scientist given much currency by the factory owners, Union Carbide, methyl isocyanate is distinct from cyanide and is not absorbed into the blood. It is admitted, however, that this has been experimentally tested only outside the body.

According to *The Handbook of Emergency Toxicology* by Dr Sidney Kaye, the organic group of thiocyanates are much more toxic than the inorganic group, and methyl thiocyanate is the most toxic of all. The book suggests that the organic thiocyanates probably convert to cyanide inside the body, and urges treatment for those poisoned by them "as for cyanide".

There is a further suggestion made by scientists in Bhopal, which will again need experimental testing. It has already been disclosed by the head of India's Council for Indus-

trial and Scientific Research that the disaster was triggered by water somehow entering the tanks where methyl isocyanate was stored. This produced heat of such a temperature that water sprayed on the tanks turned instantly to steam, and their concrete cladding was shattered by the increase in temperature, allowing the gas to escape.

Such heat could also have reached a temperature at which the methyl isocyanate breaks up into its constituent parts. When the tanks blew up, they could have sprayed a urethra of pure hydrocyanic acid over the sleeping citizens, which would have been inhaled simply as cyanide.

If the only threat from methyl isocyanate is a corrosive effect, then inundation is a relatively easy to survive - wet towels, damp spray, staying indoors, and inactivity all help; corrosion of the corneas of victims' eyes, for example, has soon been cured.

But if the gas has reacted inside the body, then long-term effects could be considerable. And if residents are to be subjected to the hazards of one of the deadliest and quickest-acting poisons known, a vast new array of controls will be needed.

In the words of one of the medical experts now in Bhopal: "If methyl isocyanate is not absorbed in the blood, why did they die?"

Michael Hamlyn

Ronald Butt Mr Lawson's real mistake

The case against Mr Nigel Lawson is not that he was wrong to approve the sharp rise in interest rates. It is that he took unjustified risks by gambling against all the market signs of avoiding any rise at all. Before the publication of the most recent money supply figures, there were already clear indications that a rise in interest was being signalled in the money markets.

There was also, however, a strong suspicion (though the authorities deny it) that the Bank of England, under Treasury inspiration, was throwing its weight against a rise in the belief that, when the money supply figures were published, there was pressure for higher interest would subside because the money supply figures would be better than was generally expected.

They were, but confidence was not restored by their publication nor later by the first interest rate rise last week. The government either had to accept a quite extraordinarily steep plunge in the pound, with its inflationary consequences, or try to intervene against it by uselessly spending reserves, or accept the logic of the market and a still higher rate of interest. It rightly did the last.

Furthermore, it was now vital to make it quite clear that the Chancellor was acting without reluctance and was not hoping to fly in the face of financial realities in order to nudge interest rates down for political purposes. Mr Lawson therefore also invoked the reserve precaution of reactivating minimum lending rate.

Yet the need for this gesture and the continuing fragility of the market's reassurance after it are the best evidence we have of the essential nature of Mr Lawson's miscalculation. With his disdainful attitude towards public reactions, the Chancellor had failed to present his policy convincingly and had also conveyed the impression of unwillingness to put the problems under close scrutiny in the hope that they would go away.

In theory, of course, the policy was simple and comprehensible. The government would use interest rates if the money supply or other domestic factors indicated that this was necessary to contain inflation, but would not encourage interest rate increases as a response to strictly external pressures, of which the pressure of the dollar on all currencies is the most formidable.

This did not mean that it was prepared to see the pound drop to any level because of the strength of the dollar. It was rather a reflection of the government's confidence that the state of the economy was essentially sound enough to ensure that the fall would not be unstoppable, but would rather be self-correcting.

The money supply was not out of hand; the growth prospect for the coming year was promising at 3 per cent, and even if productivity is less here than among our principal competitors it is much improved. Why should the markets not take these points?

That the Chancellor should be so confident that the markets would see things his way without a serious persuasive explanation of the government's thinking, and his failure to respond more sensitively to the evident signs that their suspicions were getting out of hand are surprising in a former financial journalist. He should have been aware of what people were thinking and saying and of their suspicions and how should have acted sooner

to counteract them. There was, for instance, the suspicion that Mr Lawson wanted a cheaper pound because the resulting increase in oil revenues would help him to cut taxes.

By some quite illogical twist of thinking, moreover, the government's unwillingness to support the pound by spending reserves seems to have become translated into the idea that it would not support it by using interest rates. Again the perfectly sensible position that the government has no fixed level in its mind at which it will defend the pound (how could it have, without restoring exchange controls?) was transmuted into the idea that there was no level at which the government would support the pound.

Those whose job it is to move money around the world tend (as Mr Lawson himself put it in the Commons on Tuesday) to play safe and they have not been deaf to the talk of more public spending in a country where inflation is still at 5 per cent. He might have added, and no doubt he thought, that the market was probably all the more inclined to take a seriously because it is increasingly being heard from Conservatives. Besides, money supply anxieties were not likely to be allayed by one month's figures and, as the Chancellor has himself admitted in the Commons, there was a feeling that the government might have lost its willingness to maintain its anti-inflation policy.

But whose fault was that? If there was a misapprehension, it was the Chancellor's job to see that it was removed before there was real trouble. The truth is that the markets have been quick to see to the heart of the government's dilemma, which is this. In the last Parliament, the government won support for its anti-inflation policies because it believed that in this Parliament the conquest of the worst of inflation would bring recovery and a fall in unemployment.

Now we have growth, but unemployment remains intractable and if the Chancellor can resist the call for more public spending this evokes he must at least maintain the stimulus of tax cuts. Instinctively the markets also understand that if a precipitously cheapened pound is inflationary, high interest rates may menace the growth which is a political imperative for the government. It is small wonder that the suspicion grew that a Chancellor so keen to bring down the rate of interest down might fear in any circumstances to put it up.

There is now a new official rationale for explaining that higher interest will not imperil growth. Interest rates went up last July but improved growth was not checked. Bringing interest down is said to be less important than it was a few years ago because companies are now much more profitable. Yet nobody can seriously doubt that the Government has been caught in a pincer between the pressures on the pound from the US, which makes defence through an interest rate increase necessary and the political need to prevent the level of interest from damaging recovery. In such an awkward tactical situation it was essential that the government should make its priorities clear. The Chancellor's basic policies have not been wrong but he has made their pursuit more difficult by failing to make his thinking clear quickly enough, and expecting the markets to read the facts to suit his way of thinking.

John P. Harris Sour, weak whine of the region

Good news for hoarse protesters: if you feel like a sojourn in the sun there may be a home for you down in this part of the south of France where the wine flows freely.

We have a local Protester. Officially he's a *viticulleur*, or grape-grower, but he has only a tiny vineyard producing a small output of poorish wine. Protesting, usually called *manifesting* here, takes up most of his time.

He started off as a plonk-mani-fester and that is still his main manifestation, with recent diversions. He and his boys want the region to carry on producing lakes-full of sour weak wine, for two overt reasons. One, they claim that you can make as much money from surplus wine, withdrawn from the market to be thrown away, as you can from good wine. Two, it's good wine anyway and anyone who says it isn't is a vile reactionary who ought to be made to drink it. The covert reason is that contented people don't make revolutions or do much manifesting, *viticulleur* with thousands of gallons of unwanted wine on their hands are not contented but miserable.

The Protester first hit the news some years ago, when a wine-tanker bringing decent Italian wine tied up at the port of Sète. Before it could be pumped ashore to give a bit of body to the unsaleable stuff, the Protester and the boys were on the board, manifesting by fouling the wine with diesel oil. The authorities let him alone, and he leapt to fame.

He has met the president, distributed aerosol paint-cans, and created Manifesters have detailed the contents into the ditch, manifested at Strasbourg and Brussels and other places where people try to think what to do with the surplus wine, and obliterated sign-posts to annoy tourists.

There's plenty to protest about. Not long ago I was taken to task as a Briton, on the grounds that the natives in Dublin and Limerick are

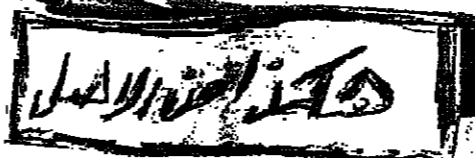
groaning under my jackboot, forbidden to leave their beleaguered isle, their books censored by Mrs Thatcher, their priests driven underground, their mother tongue banned.

The boys are all for the mother tongue. Older locals here can speak what they call *le patois* as well as French. It's other name is Occitan, a pleasant language. The manifesters can't speak it at all well, but they study the grammar and compose songs in it: protest songs, about how miserable everybody is. An able non-manifesting singer recently gave a concert in this language in our village square of his own song. Afterwards an old village lady said to me: "Oh, wasn't it nice! So cheerful, not a bit like those awful Occitan people!"

The Protester has just been reported in the local press, saying that Spanish Basque separatists would receive a warm welcome down here from him and his boys. "Our decision," said he "is Occitan; it is a logical consequence of our meetings with the Basques of Spain, the Piedmontese of Italy and the Peloponnese of Greece..." "I didn't know about the Piedmontese or the Peloponnese, but there's always something to manifest about if you're keen."

Diggers-up of dual corpses, poisoners of chocolate bars, think of Independent Raveland, Free Dorset, Autonomous Cayvel, Reawaken, ye oppressed Scots, Welsh, Cornish and Bretons, practice your rude-stature drill! When you have worn your spurs and appeared on TV, come down here for a holiday. It sounds as though it's free.

It's true that the Protester's ways you mustn't go in for any political or trade union activity, but perhaps that's just for the record and you can always keep your head in by felling a plane tree to block a road. Don't let me up anyone off the Languedoc. It's jolly nice down here, there are really very few local manifesters, and normally one never notices them except for the graffiti. And those do get cleaned off.





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REGIME ON TRIAL

It is too soon to say whether the trial of the killers of Father Popieluszko will end as a "cover-up"...

With police like this, who needs gangsters? As in Mafia trials, the question most unlikely to be answered is: who is the Godfather?

depend on tear gas and baton charges. Primate Glemp has been prepared to go some way down this political road with the General but he has exacted a price.

In some respect this recalls nothing more than a Mafia "single family". Indeed, it appears that there is a family tradition in the Polish security services...

Yet he has probably endeavoured to reduce this reliance, and to do so by negotiating with the Church. The more he can depend on the Church to appeal for calm, the less he needs to

What has emerged most clearly from the courtroom over the last fortnight is the fury of the whole Fourth Department of the Interior Ministry...

CELEBRATING THE TRUTH

There are three main reasons why the Government is right to change its mind and to celebrate the 40th anniversary of VE Day.

The British government is right to organize its own commemoration: not to match distortion with distortion...

consider West German sensibilities. But no less an authority than Manfred Rommel, son of the field marshal...

Baroness Young had originally suggested that there might be a problem with interpreting the role of our then ally, the Soviet Union.

Finally, we have been urged to

VE-Day is central to our understanding of Britain's role in Europe and of Europe's view of Britain.

A BREAKTHROUGH IN CYPRUS

Great hopes are vested in today's meeting between President Kyprianou and Mr Rauf Denktas...

difficult for them to leave New York without signing an agreement of some sort.

could be relied upon to take effective action if it was called for.

According to both UN and Turkish Cypriot sources there is already a draft agreement for the two leaders to sign...

President Kyprianou has apparently succeeded in convincing even those Greek Cypriot parties which opposed him until now...

But in insisting on the withdrawal of Turkish troops Mr Kyprianou surely has a valid point.

The Secretary-General has publicly given credit to the Turkish Cypriot side for "its favourable reaction to all elements of my presentation".

The first request is unrealistic. As the Greek Cypriots themselves admit, geography provides a de facto guarantee to the Turkish Cypriots...

By contrast the role of UNFICYP, the UN force, has been acknowledged as valuable by both sides.

The most the Greek Cypriots can reasonably hope for is to balance it with guarantees from other powers against unwarranted Turkish intervention.

The object of the talks must be to achieve a solution enabling Turkish Cypriots to feel secure, as citizens of the new federal republic...

Changing guard at the Palace

From Mr Robert Elliott Sir, Presumably Household guards' officers will continue to wear their offensive and highly decorative swords...

While our servicemen must have the very best weaponry when we go to war, and be superbly expert in its use...

From Mr Martin Spiro Sir, Why should the guards' ceremonial uniform and drill be accompanied by the latest rifle used on active service?

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Growth of cancer

From Mr M. Ellis Sir, Your Science Editor reported (January 7) on the suppression of the cancer link with smoking in the 1950s.

Under the entry for "Tobacco smoking" the effect it has upon the health is clearly discussed: The occurrence of cancer in those who habitually smoke from a short pipe...

Infant burial

From Mr Michael Pawson and the Reverend Roger Thacker Sir, A letter which you published (January 8) from Michael Hull of Bristol Maternity Hospital...

Since 1975 this hospital has helped parents who have sought burial in consecrated ground to arrange a proper funeral for their dead children.

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Pay restraint and unemployment

From Mr Tom Ellis Sir, From the end of the war until 1979 all governments regarded full employment, stable prices and a satisfactory balance of payments as their principal economic objectives.

So we witnessed a succession of incomes policies, ranging from simple exhortation through complex pay freezes.

In 1979, therefore, the incoming government decided on a new tack and abandoned one of the earlier objectives. An important feature of monetarist policy, Sir, according to no less an authority than your own leader a couple of years ago, is "a natural level of unemployment".

Opposition politics

From Mr Arthur Palmer Sir, As a member of the Labour Party since my early youth and an MP for 31 years, I feel that the drift of Mr James Curran's views in your issue of December 27, although expressed cautiously, would keep the party in perpetual opposition in Parliament...

Like-wise, Mr Heath was not cast from office by the miners' strike of 1974, but because he called a premature general election and was returned with an insufficient number of MPs to form a government.

Human rights in Malta

From Mr James Hill, MP for Southampton Test (Conservative) Sir, In his final speech as Malta's Prime Minister Mr Dom Mintoff expressed a commendable respect for his parliamentary colleagues.

According to your report (December 24) he assured members of the Opposition "whatever he might have said in the heat of the moment, he had not intended to hurt individuals".

Articles 8 and 9 of this Convention provide for the protection of one's private life, home and correspondence and for freedom of religion. They lay an obligation on the State to protect these rights.

Abolition of GLC

From the Director of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sir, We welcome the underlying reasoning behind your leader's "The City of London" (December 27).

Whatever the eventual outcome of the Bill to abolish the Greater London Council, London will remain an administrative and financial entity for the provision of a wide range of local services.

Firstly, at present there is no provision to co-ordinate the policy and expenditure priorities of these autonomous and single-purpose authorities, each empowered to raise revenue for its own purposes...

Secondly, there is no opportunity for London ratepayers to assess a "bottom line" - the aggregate in any one year of all the rates, precepts and levies charged on a county-wide basis by the providers of services - before they pay the total bill.

From Mr G. W. Crowther Sir, I hope that Mr Philip Howard has noted in today's Times (January 9) that we are instructed to fill out the Valentine coupon. Once upon a day we would have been invited to fill it in.

to enforce pay restraint on a headstrong work-force. Pay rises, unfortunately, continue to exceed those of our most efficient competitors...

If the former, can we assume that the level of unemployment will remain at the three million to 3,250,000 mark indefinitely?

Mr Neil Kinnock is wise enough to know that those who seek government office by parliamentary means must in opposition show that they have an instinct for future responsibilities.

I would have thought that Clement Attlee led the 1945-51 Labour governments, in home policy, at least, from a position to the left rather than to the right of centre...

Mr Neil Kinnock is wise enough to know that those who seek government office by parliamentary means must in opposition show that they have an instinct for future responsibilities.

After 12 o'clock tonight, the Government of the United States, as established by a Constitution maintained for nearly 181 years, will cease to exist.

any redress available through individual petition to the European Commission on Human Rights, since Malta has not recognised the right to individual petition under article 25 of the Convention.

In order to contain potential violence by extending the rule of law, it is time to encourage the Maltese Government to accept the optional clauses of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The Council of Europe is the proper place for such encouragement since it is the institution responsible for establishing and administering the Convention.

With the heartening news that Mr Mintoff has resigned, his successor must ensure that his government sends a delegation of all political parties to the next plenary session of the Council of Europe, to be held on January 28 in Strasbourg.

Ups, downs and so on

From Mr R. G. Manning Sir, Mr Howard's ups and downs (January 9) reflect our society's increasing cynicism. "Up to you" implied an opportunity to earn honour. "Down to you" implies an imposition.

From Mr Harold Cottam Sir, It was common parlance, I believe, in club and other circles to ask the barman to note down the cost to one's bar account when inviting friends and acquaintances to have a drink.

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ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 17 1920 Local and state prohibition of liquor in the United States had been in operation since the prohibition act was passed by the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution; it was repealed by the twenty-first amendment on December 5 1933.

EVE OF PROHIBITION

By the grant of 24 hours' grace the legal effect of the prohibition amendment to the Constitution will be felt at midnight tonight, but for all intents and purposes the blow has already fallen.

A great many people thought that the lists of "Don'ts" under war-time prohibition covered all things forbidden by the Constitutional Amendment.

Of course, such a rule makes a criminal of nearly every man, woman and child. No harmless bottle of grape juice or cider can rest in the pantry.

Reciting the list of habits and customs, even instincts, which are now controlled by police power, the World goes on:

So, adds the World, will be the housewife who permits a glass of fruit juice to ferment till it contains more than half of 1 per cent alcohol.

Calorie count

From Miss Elspeth Ogilvy Wedderburn Your correspondent, in The Times of January 5, quotes, from a 1909 edition of Mrs Beeton, a recipe for a "Soup for Benevolent Purposes".

At 6 o'clock, any trimmings of beef which may be bought very cheaply (say 4lbs) a few bones, any pot liquor (say 1lb) a large bunch of herbs, 1/2 lb celery (the outer pieces of the stalks), 1/2 lb carrots, 1/2 lb turnips, 1/2 lb celeriac, 1/2 lb sugar, 1/2 lb butter, 4lbs common rice or pearl barley, 1/2 lb salt, 1 lb black pepper, a few raspings, 10 gals of water: boil for 4 hours.

Mrs Kirk, editress of Tired Favourites, gives a recipe for "Count Romford's Soup" on which, she says, he fed some 1,200 beggars at Munich, while they were taught to work, at an expense of less than 1/2d a day, fuel and service included.

From the Rev Stephen J. Burgess Sir, Unlike Mrs Jane Stockwell (January 11), when 5.30 has passed I carefully avoid even a casual look at the Portfolio dividend and my card. Just in case!

From Mr Austin Fawcett Sir, Has Sir Keith noted, I wonder, your persistence in publishing "University Appointments" secondary to and separate from "La creme de la creme" (pages 24 and 25)?

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Concluding a Times investigation into who is behind the million-pound property deals in London

# River Thames fringed with investors' gold

## WHO OWNS LONDON?

The face of London's river is changing as derelict docks and warehouses make way for offices and homes. The view from the Tower of London to Blackfriars Bridge on the north side will be transformed. Judith Huntley reports on how foreign investors are spearheading developments.

The Thames, flowing through the heart of London, was once a thriving commercial thoroughfare. But its fortunes now lie in the development potential along its banks rather than in serving the shipping which used to crowd the Port of London.

The river's banks, from the docks in the east to Vauxhall in the west, are undergoing a transformation brought about by dramatic changes in ownership as Arab interests and other overseas investors lead the way in converting riverside sites from trade to commerce.

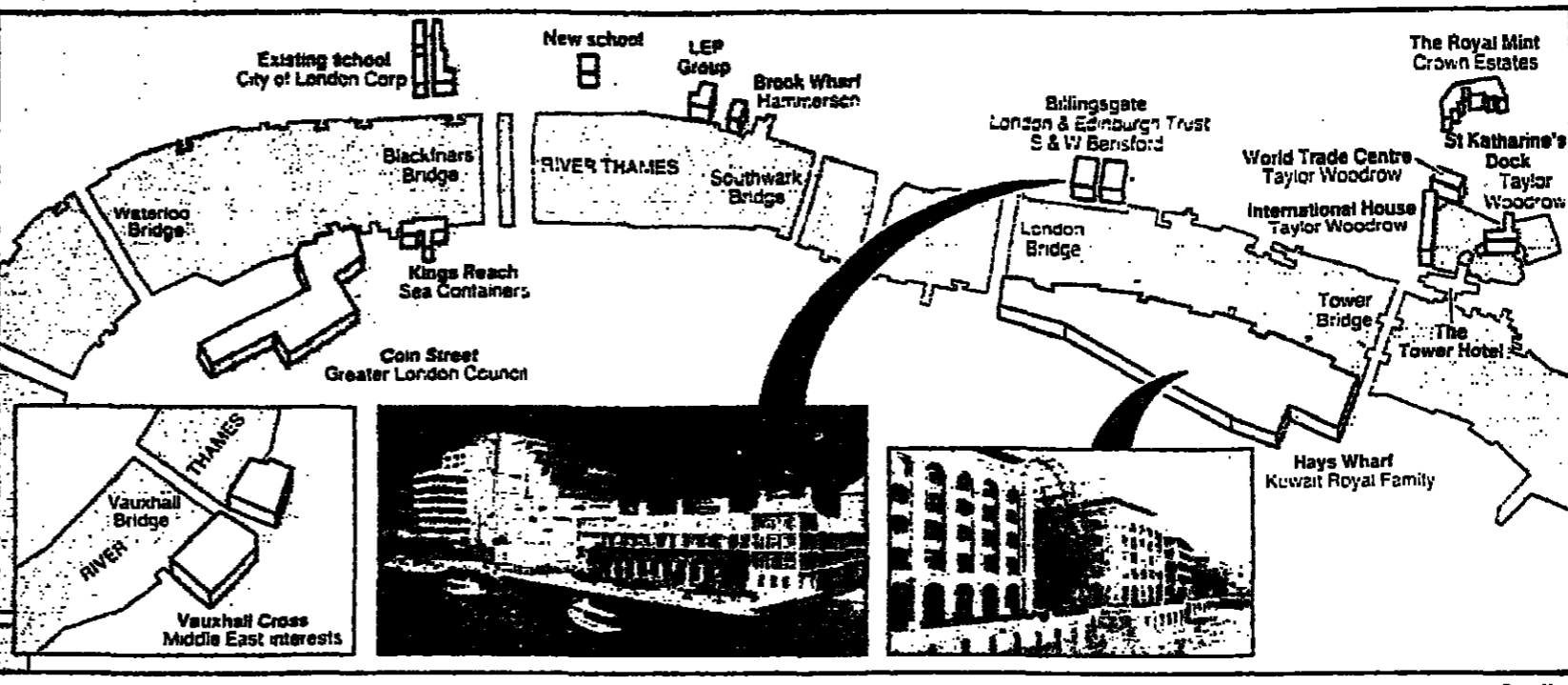
The value of the large wharf and warehouse sites lining the Thames lies in their proximity to the City, to the West End, to Westminster and to the main commuter termini. The changing patterns of London's business have left redundant docks and derelict warehouses as sad reminders of times past. Many are being redeveloped to provide offices, houses, workshops and tourist havens needed by today's society.

The Kuwaiti royal family is responsible for the largest development along the riverside since the Great Fire in 1666. A huge site stretching from London Bridge to Tower Bridge south of the river, formerly Hay's Wharf, is being developed with 2 million sq ft of offices, a private hospital, new shopping housing and industry.

offices and the hospital. The buildings lining the river are designed by different architects, to give variety along the 24-acre site.

Next to London Bridge station, No 1 London Bridge will have office towers of nine and 12 stories and a five-storey glass atrium. Chamberlain's Wharf is the site for the 118-bed private hospital, which is being built behind the restored facade.

The LDDC supported the scheme and eventually Mr Patrick Jenkins, Secretary of State for the Environment, used special planning powers to give Government approval.



Another scheme with a varied career is the King's Reach development, next to Blackfriars Bridge on the south bank. It is now owned by Sea Containers, the Bermuda-based shipping group which bought Sealink. The project started life as offices, housing and a riverside hotel, but unfortunately for the original developer the boom dropped out of the London hotel market temporarily and grants towards construction were withdrawn.

The half-completed shell remained an eyesore for years until Sea Containers bought and began converting it to offices. It will provide 230,000 sq ft of offices, with 70,000 sq ft to British Information Systems.

The north side of the river has not suffered the same decay and neglect, because commercial development at least has always been more attractive to investors north of the river. The City of London is the magnet which draws foreign banks and financial organizations as well as British. It can provide the office space they need.

by the Tower are now the names of office blocks. The City of London Corporation, which owns about a third of the City's real estate, is in a powerful position to control development on its waterfront, and the ancient city livery companies, also large landowners, can exert similar influence on redevelopment.

The face of the river is changing. The view from the Tower of London to Blackfriars Bridge on the north side will soon be dramatically different from that which now meets the eye. New office buildings have been completed and others are being renovated and upgraded to meet the requirements of British and foreign companies.

The most striking changes to the river frontage has begun with the development of Billingsgate Market and the adjoining site. Stepped glass office towers will sit next to the former fish market, which is being converted to commercial use.

which sold its interest to Taylor Woodrow, but it still operates the dock leading to the river.

A modern hotel, The Tower, raises above the dock, offering unrivalled views of the river and the Tower of London itself. The World Trade Centre and International House provide office space for a plethora of British and overseas companies engaged in broking, insurance and shipping. And the London Commodity Exchange recently signed a deal to make its home at St Katharine's Dock.

Close to St Katharine's Dock is the site of the former Royal Mint, where Britain's coinage was struck for many years. The Crown Commissioners own the site, and there are proposals to develop about 300,000 sq ft of offices; listed buildings have to be retained, with any new office development paying for their renovation. So far no developer has come along, but there is talk of converting the Mint into an Islamic museum.

### STOCK MARKET REPORT

## US influence helps index back to near peak

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Equities were in exhilarating form yesterday. Indications of strong American buying and hopes that the 2.5 percentage points interest rate increase will after all be enough to steady sterling sent the FT 30 share index surging 19.5 points to 981.3 points, less than 2 points from its peak.

Many of the American favourites were sharply higher. The gains were accompanied by rumours that a top American institution had commenced a \$1 billion (£892 million) share buying programme which will be concentrated largely on British equities.

All index constituent stocks made progress. British Telecom surged 5 1/2p to a 125 1/2p peak as keen transatlantic buying developed. Glaxo Group jumped on Zantac hopes in Japan and Imperial Group soared 12p to 206p as the feeling grew that it had clinched the deal to sell its troublesome Hoverson Johnson catering and hotel group.

Shares sold in the US are now due for delivery and there were hopes that by instances yesterday of investor shares of BT shares being forced to borrow on the overnight market so they could deliver stock, often related to ADR's.

Glaxo got a boost from James Capel, the stockbroker. Analyst Mr Robin Gilbert, currently taking a look at Japan, believes Glaxo could sell as much as £50 million worth of Zantac there.

Greenall Whitley, the regional brewery which has been out of favour in the City since it took over part of the packaged tour operations of the failed Laker Airways, held presentations for analysts and fund managers yesterday and appears to have impressed its audience. The shares rose 2p to 179p and city profit forecasts for the current year are now stretching to about £33.5 million against £28.3 million.

men continue in the belief that the BT share price has new heights to reach. Courtaulds also stood out on the options lists, with 1,266 calls placed against just 63 puts. Bid rumours were amplified by the rush for call contracts.

Commercial Union stayed prominent, also subject to takeover hopes. In total, 1,197 CU contracts were traded, with 954 of them calls.

Waring & Gillow continued to gain on talk of a bid for the home furnishings retailer. The shares rose 10p to 134p yesterday, making a two day gain of 15p.

### TEMPUS

## Trusthouse disappoints

It was never going to be a bad year for Trusthouse Forte given the recent popularity of London as a holiday resort. The question was how good would it be? Yesterday's preliminary figures which revealed pre-tax profits of £105.2 million, up from £82.1 million, must be interpreted as very good but not spectacularly so.

Perhaps the problem for THF is the common assumption that its fortunes are inextricably linked to the dollar/sterling relationship. There is a feeling that every cent knocked off the pound's value will bring another thousand eager American tourists hammering on THF's doors looking for a bed for the night.

In fact, US visitors accounted for only 30 per cent of THF's customers in London and much less in the provinces. While the company has not been slow to take advantage of the situation it has not made the mistake of pandering too much to the North American markets in an attempt to gather in short term profits.

improved and there has been an encouraging trend for the traditionally off-peak months to attract more customers. This offers an ideal opportunity for the group to produce some valuable profits growth.

The main thrust of THF's attention will continue to be in the UK where it is succeeding in increasing the number of domestic customers. However, the US must be an area where the group will be looking for better performance.

The US operations last year were pretty disappointing. Virtually all the profits increase was attributable to currency translation. However, there has been a concerted effort to improve management and productivity over there and some genuine improvements cannot be far away.

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- \* Final dividend 3.0p per share (1983 - 2.0p) giving a total for the year of 4.5p per share (1983 - 3.0p).
- \* New products being well received in home and export markets.
- \* Growth continuing strongly in current year.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Shares surge again

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# Tighter rules for names conditions at Lloyd's urged

By Alison Eadie

A consultative document published today on membership requirements at Lloyd's insurance market has recommended that the £100,000 minimum level of wealth required to be a "name" at Lloyd's should stay the same, but that the amount of deposits to be held by Lloyd's should be raised and that checks made on the names' claim to wealth should be made more stringent.

The £100,000 minimum was set in 1979, but compares with a £75,000 minimum 25 years earlier, which would be worth £24,000 today. The lowering of entry levels was accentuated in 1975, when for four years "mini-names" were allowed in showing only £37,500 of wealth.

The working party, under the chairmanship of Mr Pat Bird, which produced the report, recommends that all Lloyd's names should be treated the same way, effectively outlawing mini-names in future. Although existing mini-names should not be required to show wealth of £100,000, the report says they should increase their deposits in line with all names.

The report recommends that deposits should be raised to 28 per cent of gross overall premium limit, the total amount of business a name can write - compared with current requirements for United Kingdom names of 25 per cent of overall premium limit. The net limit is after deduction of reinsurance up to 30 per cent, so the recommendations imply a 45.5 per cent increase over existing requirements.

The report also says a name's statement of means should be signed by an independent qualified accountant, instead of by a bank, solicitor or accountant as at present, and that means should be positively reconfirmed every three years instead of every four.

Lloyd's is facing a dilemma in that it needs more capacity (names) to cope with a sudden upsurge in business in recent weeks and to offset the effects of the rising dollar, but cannot let anyone join because it is wedded to the principle of unlimited liability.

The report recommends the continuance of unlimited liability and the ruling council of Lloyd's has already endorsed this recommendation. It has also endorsed the recommendation that all names should come into line on means and deposits.

However, the rising dollar means that in 1984 an increase in sterling capacity of 25 per cent was knocked down to 5 per cent by sterling's depreciation. Lloyd's conducts 70 per cent of its business in dollars.

With exchange rate problems in view, the report recommends that the assets acceptable for deposits be widened to include US securities, US mutual funds and US dollars as a matter of priority. At present only British securities are acceptable. A positive effort to include Japanese securities is also urged.

Other recommendations suggest that the maximum premium limit of £600,000 be abolished, the very rich be allowed to write more business, and that screening procedures for joining be tightened up. Instead of the "balling known against" procedure, prospective names should give more information about themselves with a business reference, giving character and financial information.

# Murdoch reshuffles magazines division

By Our City Staff

The News Corporation, publisher of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, is reorganizing its News Group Magazines subsidiary in the wake of last November's \$350 million (£312 million) deal to buy the business publications division of Ziff-Davis Publishing, the privately-owned US publisher of News Group Magazines is to change its name to Murdoch Magazines. It will include the 12 former Ziff-Davis titles as well as *The Star*, *New York Woman*, *Elle* and the *Village Voice*.

Mr Martin Singerman, an executive vice-president of News America Publishing Incorporated, will be president of Murdoch Magazines.

Mr John Evans, who has held executive positions at the *Village Voice* for the last eight years, has been appointed executive vice-president of Murdoch Magazines.

Mr David Schneiderman, editor of the *Village Voice*, has been appointed acting publisher of the *Village Voice*. Mr Evans' promotion, Mr Evans was previously the publisher.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, commented: "Magazines in both the consumer and business classification are in a dynamic growth period. By combining our resources into a single entity, we aim to produce magazines of the highest quality in all the fields they serve."

# Accord on rescheduling Polish debt to West

Paris (Reuters) - Western creditor countries have agreed to allow Poland more time to repay government-guaranteed debts which were due for settlement between 1982 and 1984 after the US joined other Western nations in lifting trade and credit sanctions against Poland.

Negotiations resumed in late 1984 after the US joined other Western nations in lifting trade and credit sanctions against Poland.

The diplomats had no details of the deal but said they were expecting an announcement later yesterday. Reports from Warsaw said \$5 billion of Poland's total debts to the West of around \$28 billion were at issue in the talks there, although a senior delegate said they covered \$12 billion.

# Shultz fights move to alter US trade policy

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The Reagan Administration has not decided on a dramatic change in American trade policy by merging several agencies into one giant department of international trade and industry.

Creation of the new department, along the lines of Japan's MITI, which is credited with giving the Asian nation its international trade edge, appeared certain until late last week when it ran into strong opposition from Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State.

Mr Shultz warned that a new agency designed to promote US business interests during a period of record trade deficits in excess of \$103 billion risked becoming a "department of protectionism," officials said.

He urged President Reagan to retain the White House office of the US trade representative on the grounds that it is the only independent arbiter within the Administration which acts effectively both as negotiator with foreign governments and as mediator of bureaucratic battles.

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# CRICKET: INDIA'S CAPTAIN CAN FRUSTRATE ENGLAND'S HOPE OF VICTORY Gavaskar may spoil the party

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Madras

For once the pertinent question on yesterday's test day was not whether England can save the fourth Test match but how likely they are to win it. With two days left they lead India by 339 runs, and everything so far has gone almost ominously well.

England will bat on for a "brief flurry" this morning. "There's no point in crawling anywhere," Gower says. He describes the pitch as being "very flat", but added that "if Norman (Cowan) bends his back you may see more grass than expected. The ball is turning less than at a corresponding stage in Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta. This has been a big help to England in enabling them to get the better of Sivaramakrishnan.

England themselves a target of 600 on Tuesday evening, having started the day at 293 for one, and they achieved it. Another 34 runs would give them the highest total ever made in a Test match in India. But more importantly, what are the chances of bowling India out again?

A bookmaker with the England party who reads the game as well as most makes it 4-5 England and 4-5 the draw. In other words, even money. The best potential help for the bowlers lies in the rough outside the right-handed batsman's off stump. What there is of that is where Shastri bowled over the wicket and Siva bowled round it. Shastri's reason for doing so was purely negative, as evidenced by seven men on the leg side, four of them set deep. Siva's was to try to unsettle Fowler.

A remarkable feature of the match has been the umpiring. We have two Indian "out-umpires" - in fact, two very rare birds. India's bowlers could get nothing out of them, and there is no reason to suppose that England's will either.

That is not going to make it any easier for England to pull it off, and if Gavaskar starts to knock down the new ball and keel over to batting to stumps, he could well do it. Against West Indies on this ground barely a year ago, Gavaskar scored 236 not out and batted for 10 and three quarter hours. The West Indian attack consisted of Marshall, Holding, Roberts, Davis, Harper and Gomes. On the other hand, Gavaskar finds the intense concentration which has for so long been the essence of his batting harder to sustain than he did. Figures prove it. His nine Test innings this winter have been 48, 37 and 35 against Pakistan, and 27, five, one, 65, 13 and 17 against England.

India's best chance might be for Gavaskar to drop down to No 4, from where he made his 236, with Shastri moving up from No 6 to take his place.



Cowan: England expect him to rise to the challenge of a flat pitch

Srikanth is too engagingly reckless player to be suited by the requirements of a long rearward action; Azharuddin is still pretty green; and Amar-nath, Venguskar and Kapil Dev have been batting recently as though there is no tomorrow. In the 150 overs which they will have, England should just about do it.

Yet when they lost the toss last Sunday morning, England were disappointed. They had seen the chance to bat first as being important, feeling that the pitch would start to wear sooner rather than later. In the event, everything has favoured the side batting second, on the first day conditions were at their best for bowling, and on the second day and third days they were ideal for batting. But it is one thing to have the luck and another to take advantage of it, as Fowler often does.

England's batting order for this coming summer's series against Australia looks already developing into a teaser. In the opening position there is Gooch to be brought back, but Robinson and Fowler are averaging 52 and 61 respectively in the present series. This takes no account of Boycott, Broad and Moxon. Gatting, Gower and Lamb are established for the moment in the engine room, though where they

come in is to some extent elastic.

There is a theory that Gatting is not sound enough to be going in first wicket down; but Lamb made his centuries against West Indies last summer either at No 4 or No 5. Buttham, if he returns, is best suited at No 5 or No 6, and Gower dislikes No 3. As things are going it would surely be madness to move Gatting from where he is. Time and again on this tour he has from there put England on the right road.

Gower was reluctant to talk about the order in which the batsmen appeared during England's innings of 611 for five, beyond saying that for the first hour on Monday, while Robinson and Fowler were setting in, he had the pads on himself. He then took them off and finished by coming in at No 7.

As I wrote yesterday, it did seem a little wary of him not to appear, as most batting captains would have done, when Lamb was third out, with 10 overs left and the score already 563. That he decided otherwise, when he must have known what was psychologically right, may have been a sign of his anxiety, deep down, about his own form.

The best technical reason for Gower's sending Edmonds and Foster in ahead of himself was that the bowlers' rough makes it rather trickier for left-handers to throw the ball than right-handers, there being more of it on that side of the wicket. England's plan today is to bat for half an hour, but only if the runs are coming quickly. It is felt that India will be more affected by pressure if they have nearer 400 than 300 to make to save an innings defeat.

The point of having a minimum number of overs in a day's play could not have been better made than it has yesterday. Had India not been obliged to bowl 80, I have doubt that they would have sent down more than 65 or 70. They would have thought of every conceivable way to save the day when England were last in India, to slow things down.

All being well, the chairman and secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board, who have both been watching this match at Chexpark, will see to it that no Test involving England is ever played again without a minimum-overs regulation. Last year the West Indians got away with coming to England without one, as the Indians very nearly did in the present series.

● New Delhi (Reuters) - Food parcels, radios and handbags will be banned from the stadium in Chandigarh, capital of the Punjab, when England play there on January 27, one-day series in Melbourne and Sydney in mid-February.

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# Sri Lanka injury doubts

Sydney (Reuters) - Sri Lanka were doubtful on their pace bowler, Asantha de Mel, recovering from injury in time to face the West Indies in the World Series Cup day-night match which was due to be played here today.

De Mel has been suffering from ankle trouble, and with the West Indies already assured of a place in the best-of-five finals after winning the first five of their 10 qualifying matches against Australia and Sri Lanka via battle for the other spot.

# No return for Imran

Wellington (Reuters) - Imran Khan will not join Pakistan's Test series in New Zealand as Pakistan manager, Yawar Saeed, said a statement by the tourists' captain, Javed Miandad that Imran could join the team for the first Test starting here tomorrow was "a bit of a false alarm".

The manager said that Imran would return to Australia to play for the South West Australian cricket team for the seven-match one-day series in Melbourne and Sydney in mid-February.

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# David Powell meets Britain's popular elder statesman of distance running

When Mike McLeod lines up for his last County cross-country championship at Brimstone Park, Leicester, on Saturday he will do so as a favourite. But this elder statesman of British distance running is wise enough to make no pretensions about his chances of winning, for he has learned from hazardous experience never to count his medals before they have been presented.

In much the same way as McLeod does to run his 10,000 metres race - a brisk pace for most of the way then a fast finishing surge - the runner goes to the last lap of his international career, the faster mile-and-a-half seems to follow in his sleep. From 1978, when he was third in the Commonwealth 10,000 metres, to 1984, when he won Britain their best ever Olympic result over 25 laps but otherwise had a disturbing year, the Elswick Harrier suffered some wretched luck.

Vaino, the Finn who was second to Alberto Cora, was later disqualified for using drugs, though he refused to hand back his medal. The International Olympic Committee announced last week that their president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, would present McLeod with a specially struck medal at the World Indoor Games this weekend, but the Englishman had never intended to compete in Paris.

McLeod, though, was conditioned to the sport's unpredictable nature long before 1984. In 1978 he caught influenza just before the European 10,000 metres and finished fourteenth, warning up for the 1980 Olympic 10,000 metres final, he felt twinges in a hamstring, consulted his team doctor as to whether he should pull out, but was encouraged to run and placed twelfth in 1982; he was chosen for the European 5,000 metres - "which I didn't want to do" - and finished twelfth, but when he was granted his wish to run 10,000 metres in the Commonwealth Games that year he had a poor last lap and jogged in ninth; any chance of making good in the 1983 world championships was ended when he had 10 stitches in a heel wound inflicted during a track race in May. Two months earlier he had withdrawn from the world cross-country championship on the morning of the race after catching a heavy cold.

In his last appearance in that event, in 1982, he was England's leading runner, finishing fifth in Rome. With Tim Hutchings, who was runner-up last year, an almost certain non-starter in Lisbon, McLeod would be an able replacement but, like Hutchings, he refuses to compete in the national championship, which is considered the trial race.

For this reason he was overlooked as last winter and says: "I am sickening to say just not just for me but for England's future. We are a nation of cross-country runners, but we have not been proving it in the last

# McLeod's silver lining brightens the gloom

four or five years in the world championship."

England were champions five times in the Seventies but, now that the event is more competitive, it seems that it is only the English Cross-Country Union selectors who do not realize that no-one can give their best in the world championship just three weeks after having to qualify. McLeod says: "Do we want to win or do we want to play round? We must have the National five weeks before and it would be nice if it could be over seven and a half miles, the world championship distance, instead of nine."

Since the Inter-counties is over seven and a half miles, McLeod believes his form at Leicester should be taken into consideration. "If I fail to win I might have to re-eval the situation but even then there is only a slim possibility I would run the National."

With the IAAF Grand Prix due to be launched this year, there is money to be made through participation fees and performance bonuses, but McLeod retains a purer ambition. "I am not going to get involved with bombing round the European circuit like a lunatic. I will be doing some of the meetings but I am not going to go crazy about chasing money. That way I will last a few years longer at the top. Some people will want to make a killing and then finish, but I look at Lopez at 37 or 38 and see it's not a question of age. If there is a possibility of running in the '88 Olympics at 36 I will take that."

# CARRIAGE DRIVING England to host World Pairs event

By Jenny MacArthur

Following the successful Open Pairs Carriage Driving Championships held in Italy in 1983, the first FEI World Pairs Championship is to be held in England this summer. They will take place at Castle Howard, Yorkshire, from August 8-11. The horse driving trials held there for the last three years will run concurrently with Championships.

The FEI, the sport's ruling body, expects around 40 pairs to compete. Sixteen countries are being invited to send up to four pairs each, with the host country allowed up to six.

Paul Gregory, who won the 1983 Italian event after postponing his marriage in order to compete, is likely to fill one of those six places. Gregory, from Haddington, East Lothian, was national champion for four years in succession but had to miss last year's championships at Windsor because of illness. He said yesterday that he did not yet know what the qualifying rules for the world championships were, but he hoped to be there with his pair of Welsh cobs, Taffy and Concord.

Prince Michael of Kent, a comparatively recent convert to the sport, is another contender for a place following his performance at the Wyle Carriage Trial in September, when he finished second out of 11 pairs.

# RUGBY UNION Welsh trip to Paris is frozen off until end of March

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

For only the fourth time since the Second World War, a Five Nations championship match was postponed because of bad weather when Albert Ferrasse announced yesterday that Saturday's game between France and Wales would not take place.

Ferrasse, president of the French Federation, also criticised roundly the municipal authorities for not doing enough to save the game.

It is the first time a championship match at the Parc des Champions has had to be postponed, although many of those who watched and played in the 1978 game between France and Ireland were of the opinion it should not have taken place on such a frosty surface. The projected date for the France-Wales game is March 30, a fortnight after the last scheduled round of championship matches this season.

The postponement may have a significant effect upon the outcome of this season's championship. At this stage, France were outstanding favourites to beat a Wales side in some disarray after the trauma of the defeat against Australia. However, Wales will not travel until February 16, when they have a home game against England, while France will also start their challenge against England, but at Twickenham on February 2. For that game France are retaining the side they chose for next Saturday.

As no Englishman needs reminding, Wales have not lost to England at home since 1963, while the French have seldom been at their most potent as at Twickenham. A side effect of the postponement is that several of the Welsh squad - among them Holmes, the captain, Ackermann and Pecherling - will probably miss scheduled trip to Hong Kong with Crawshaw's Welsh where they were due to take part in the Cathay Pacific-Hong Kong Bank world seven-a-side tournament on March 13.

Yesterday's decision became increasingly likely after the freezing weather of the last few days. The ground is frozen to a depth of 15 centimetres, through four centimetres of snow was cleared on Tuesday before covers were placed on the playing surface, it was as Mr Ferrasse put it, "too little, too late". He said the Paris city council had known the situation since January 7, but had not taken any of the necessary action, while the council countered by saying it would have been exorbitantly expensive to have used hot-air fans to alleviate the problem.

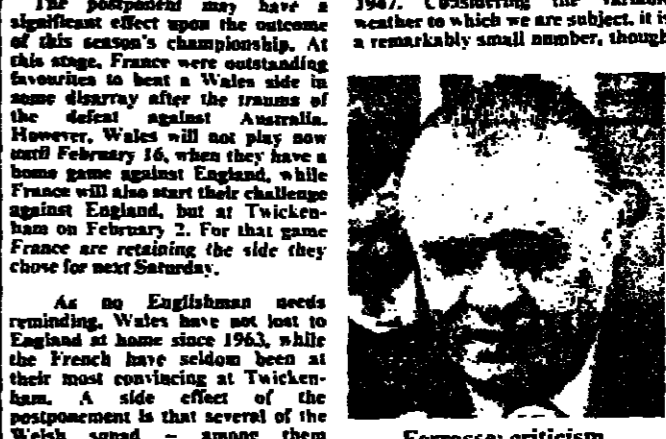
Mr Ferrasse, not a man to mince his words, suggested the council was biased in favour of the two football clubs, Paris Saint-Germain and Racing Club, who also use the Parc des Champions. Michel Cagnin, president of the French football federation, said emergency measures to prepare the pitch for a rugby match could have raised the surface for the rest of the season.

Neither country was keen to play on January 26, France because they have a game a week later with England, Wales because the next round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup is due to be played on that day.

Wales were involved in the last game to be postponed because of bad weather when their game with Ireland in Dublin three years ago was delayed for a week because of the snow. Ireland went on to win that game. In 1956 a frozen ground at Stade Colombes delayed England's game with France, and while the other postponement since the war was the match between Wales and Ireland in 1947, considering the variable weather to which we are subject, it is a remarkably small number, though several games have been played in dubious conditions.

Though there was a snowfall in Dublin yesterday, Ireland's game with England remains in no danger. The Irish Rugby Union plan to sweep the pitch at Lansdowne Road, and cover it with straw, but to leave Heffron this morning, though they will do so without Woodward, the Leicester centre, who was named as a replacement on Sunday, but has now withdrawn because of a bruised toe sustained during squad training at Bisham Abbey, Davies, of Wasps, who must hardly know these days whether he is coming or going, is restored to the replacements' bench.

England will wish to ensure the fitness of Andrew, their stand-off half, when the team trains at Monkswater today. He suffered a minor groin strain at Bisham, but Richard Greenwood, England's coach, expressed confidence yesterday that the young Yorkshireman would play. Were he to withdraw, it would be a blow, as he has been restored to the side for a second cap.



Ferrasse: criticism

Among the victims of the weather yesterday were the New Zealand schoolboys, who should have met London schools at Old Deer Park, and Exeter University, who were due to play University College, London for a place in the quarter-finals of this season's universities Athletic Union tournament. Exeter have re-arranged the game for Sunday but are far from optimistic that it will take place. The UAU quarter-finals, on January 23, are also under threat.

# Snowed off World Cup plan

Wellington (AFP) - A Senior New Zealand official, Dick Littlejohn, left here yesterday to try and convince the New Zealand Cricket Board, Wales and France to support plans for a World Cup involving 16 countries to be held in New Zealand and Australia in 1987. Littlejohn, a member of the New Zealand Cricket Union's executive council, has led a year-long investigation into the idea of a world cup, at the request of the international board.

# BADMINTON Miss Troke solving puzzle

From Richard Eaton Taipei

Helen Troke, the European champion, who nearly caused one of the biggest surprises in badminton history in the opening tournament of the Pro-Kennex world grand prix in Hong Kong last week, is the No 1 seed for the second event, the Taipei Masters, which starts here today.

Miss Troke took the world grand prix title holder, Han Aiping, to the setting in the final game of their match last week. She is now likely to renew her rivalry with Kirsten Larsen of Denmark, before again tackling the world's outstanding players from China during the circuit's third event in Tokyo - the Japan Open next week.

"I feel so much happier now that I have something to aim at, that it is possible to catch up the Chinese whom everyone thought were unbeatable," she said.

England's two joint No 1 men, Nick Yates and Steve Baddeley, who also did so superbly last week, are seeded to reach the last eight in a men's singles event which was strengthened this week by the inclusion of the great Liem Swie King. The three-times all-England champion from Indonesia is expected to meet the world grand prix title holder Morten Frost.

England's main worry is the fitness of the world mixed doubles champion and 1980 world women's doubles champion, Nora Perry. Mrs Perry has had a string of injuries, but is hoping to finish the season with more world championship medals and has flown out to join the England squad in the Far East.

The 30-year-old form Redbridge is reviewing her partnership with Gill Clark. The European doubles champion, and Thomas Kihlstrom of Sweden, her fellow world mixed champion, although Mrs Perry is the No 1 for both doubles events, time is growing short for her to prove her fitness and the suitability of her partnerships before next month's nominations for the world championships.

# TABLE TENNIS Douglas on the path of revenge

Desmond Douglas has an immediate opportunity to take revenge in the European open championships which start in Cardiff today. Only last Saturday, after a hectic early-morning trip from West Germany, the England No 1 singles player, Ireland's Andrew Grubb, of Poland, who went on to win the £3,000 top prize in the Charles Church International.

Grubb, the European No 2, is seeded to get to the Welsh men's final this weekend against the holder, Jacques Securin, of France, but Douglas, who regularly beats him, could face the Pole in the semi-finals.

Douglas has won the Welsh title and is capable of doing so again, although all predictions could be upset by two little-known and unranked Chinese.

It is the last chance for England players to impress the selectors before teams are named for the world and Commonwealth championships. Hoping to win approval are Alan Cooke and Carl Preen with the Middlesex left-hander, Graham Sandley, is anxious to re-establish himself after dropping to No 4 in the rankings.

● Douglas, Cooke and Preen make up the seeded England squad for the team events which begin the championships.

# MOTOR RACING ATS pull out of Formula One

Bonn (Reuters) - The West German Formula One motor racing team, ATS, are leaving the grand prix circuit after team driver Gerhard Berger said yesterday, Berger, who expects to drive for the British Arrows team this year, said that ATS's decision last September to stop providing ATS with turbocharged engines was the main reason behind the move.

# WARNING Ban on Shooting of Wild Birds

The Secretary of State for the Environment has made an order prohibiting the shooting in England and Wales of the wildfowl and other wild birds (except capercaillie) included in Schedule 2 Part 1 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 from 0900 hours on Wednesday 18th January 1985 until 2400 hours on 28th January 1985. Anyone who does not comply may be guilty of an OFFENCE.







SNookER

£4 million break for Crucible as the sponsors fight it out

Embassy, the sponsors of the World Professional Championship, signed a £4 million contract in London yesterday with the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association...

A record total of 103 players have entered for the 1985 event, the qualifying rounds for which will be held for the first time at the Guildhall, Preston, from March 27 to April 7.

Announcing the new agreement, Brian Gray, the marketing director of Imperial Tobacco said: "The Embassy World Snooker Championship has been one of the great success stories in sport."



Stacey Hilliard (above), aged 15, became the first female to compile a century break at snooker in a competitive match when she scored 114 in a men's league game in Bournemouth on Tuesday night.

Flying thick and fast to add to the 29 varieties

Some erudite character once wrote that there were 29 different ways of tying a dry fly. It could be dressed up down, back to front, with or without wings, with hackles all the way down the shank...



Other flies often seen on the middle Test include the Hatched Capener, the Little Red Sedg, the Sherry Splinter, Lann's Particular, the Gipper and Orange Quills, and of course, for its limited period, the Mafly. All these dressings go back a century or more...

BOBSLEIGH Phipps's fitness filip

As Italy, like the rest of Europe, shivers through its coldest winter for 50 years, the world championships at Cervinia carry on regardless. But problems could arise over the weekend if conditions deteriorate further and cause the airports in the north of the country to be closed for more prolonged periods.

TENNIS McEnroe will stand down

New York (AFP) - John McEnroe will not play for the United States in their Davis Cup world group first round match against Japan in Tokyo from March 8 to 10. But he has told Arthur Ashe, the non-playing captain, that he will be available to play in the following round.

GOLF

Phoenix could see the rise of Faldo

From John Ballantine Phoenix, Arizona

Four Britons and a West German adorn the field for the Phoenix Open, which starts today on the flat, orange-tree-fringed, 6,726-yard par-71 Phoenix Country Club course here.

Oosterhuis won more than £4,000 in the Bob Hope Classic at Palm Springs on Sunday, most of it through his own efforts over the first four days, together with the endeavours of his 12 amateur partners who helped him win the pro-am prize.

Lanny Wadkins, like Lee Trevino and Johnny Miller, does not believe in using one word when three will do. After his thrilling win in the Hope tournament on Sunday, the loquacious Wadkins immediately looked forward to today's tournament.

ROWING FISA rule equality on distances

By Jim Railton

The International Rowing Federation (FISA) has agreed to recognize equal rights for women in the sport. At their congress in Rome last week, FISA decided that future women's senior world and Olympic regatta events...

There was some resistance, seemingly from the Eastern bloc to the increased distance for women. The shorter distance favours strength and muscle, while the greater distance places a firm emphasis on technique, training and stamina.

Rather stangely, a mover to equalize women's quadruple sculls with the men's event was not carried through. In the women's event a coxain is carried, making it look rather laborious compare with the flow and sleekness of four scullers without a coxain.

The men's lightweight and junior FISA championships will be officially designated world championships. Another new world championship which will prove popular in Britain will be the lightweight women's event.

SNOW REPORTS

Table with columns for location, depth (cm), state of snow, and weather. Locations include Austria, Italy, Norway, and Scotland.

Scotland: Campden Upper: runs complete, wide cover, hard-packed snow. Lower slopes: runs complete, hard-packed snow. Varsity: runs complete, hard-packed snow.

RACING: JOYFUL DANCER COULD PROVE PICK OF WEIGHTS FOR FIRST LEG OF SPRING DOUBLE



Equestrian frieze: Above the village of Lambourn in Berkshire, away from the excitement and glamour of the racetrack, two racehorses trained by Jenny Pitman take their exercise on the Mandown gallops (Christopher Goulding writes). Now that the grass gallops are frozen and covered in snow, exercising can take place only on an all-weather gallop. This is made up of wood-shavings, lying 12 inches deep on a drained gravel surface, and is a mile long. Before the horses can be given their workouts, the gallop is harrowed and rolled, which breaks up the frozen surface. At first light, hundreds of volente, finely tuned thoroughbreds can be seen going through their paces.

Whitbread to take over Aintree's opening day

It hardly seems possible that less than a year ago the nation was asked to dig deep into its pockets to help save the Grand National. Fortunately, the intervention of a five-year sponsorship by Seagram, the whisky distillers, has placed our greatest steeplechase on a sound footing once more.

Sponsors keep point-to-point flag flying at full mast

Point-to-point racing in 1985 continues to rely heavily on sponsorship. The £100,000 allocated by Audi has already been reported in these columns. The others that run series, culminating in finals on racetracks, are Diners Club (Chesham), RMC (Chesham), Massey-Ferguson (Worcester) and the National Hunt season.

Table titled 'FIXTURES FOR THE NEW SEASON' listing various horse racing events, dates, and locations across the UK.

Piggott linked with Roman Beach for tilt at Lincoln

By Phil McLennan

Roman Beach could be the horse to give Lester Piggott his first Lincoln Handicap victory on March 23. The Doncaster race is one of the few big prizes to have eluded him, but Roman Beach has excellent credentials.

Willie Musson, Roman Beach's trainer, was on the phone to Piggott as soon as the weights were made public, but the former champion, with his customary caution, refused to make an immediate decision.

Piggott need have no worries on that score as Mr Meeka and Miss Silca, Key, the top two in the handicap, are most unlikely to run, in which case the weights would be raised 11lb, bringing Roman Beach's weight to 8st 12lb.

Roman Beach joves the soft ground, but when fresh and had Piggott in the saddle on his final two outings of 1984, winning over a mile at Doncaster in October and finishing third in the Lincoln Stakes the last day of the season, also on Town Moor.

Another Newmarket trainer with high hopes is Alan Bailey who was not displeased when Piggott's Sun's allocation of 7st 7lb. The four-year-old won a seven-furlong handicap by 10 lengths on Lincoln day last year and the extra furlong of the Lincoln will hold no fears for him.

There is little hope for Saturday, either. Inspections are planned today at Kempton (12.0), Catterick (3.0), Warwick and Haydock Park (3.0) but cancellation appears a formality in every case.

The article conditions have also reached Ireland, where blizzards eliminated today's Gowran Park fixture. The card has been postponed, probably until Monday, but could be held on Saturday if the meeting at Navan is off and Gowran Park is fit for racing.

Comeback for Fealty

Fealty, a 33-1 winner of last year's Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham is all set to make his comeback in preparation for a tilt at the Champion Hurdle in March. Peter Brookings' going is due to make his reappearance in either the Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford later this month or Sandown's Orley Hurdle in early February.

Commanche, Run, who gave Lester Piggott his record-breaking 20th classic success, the St Leonards at Doncaster in September, will be aimed at the top mile and a half race next season. The Coronation Cup and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes are his principal objectives.

Two outstanding fillies, Time Charter and Habit, are due to be mated with Shirley Heights at the Sandringham Stud. Also scheduled to visit the 1978 Derby winner is On The Border, who beat Time Charter in the 1982 1,000 Guineas.

Hills and Corns have cut the Schwepps Gold Trophy price of Admiral's Ruler from 33-1 to 20-1, each having laid full value £25,000 five-year-olds to lose.

George Moore, Hong Kong's champion trainer, is to retire in June.

Advertisement for 'Super Secs' featuring 'ESTATE AGENCY SLOANE SQUARE', 'Design Consultancy Secretary', 'Research Assistant/Typist', and 'PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING SECS'.

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# General Appointments

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The Fund is a Charity of somewhat unusual scale and substance. With an income of about £25m, and employing approximately 1,000 people, it is the largest independently financed cancer research organisation in Europe, and depends totally on voluntary contributions.

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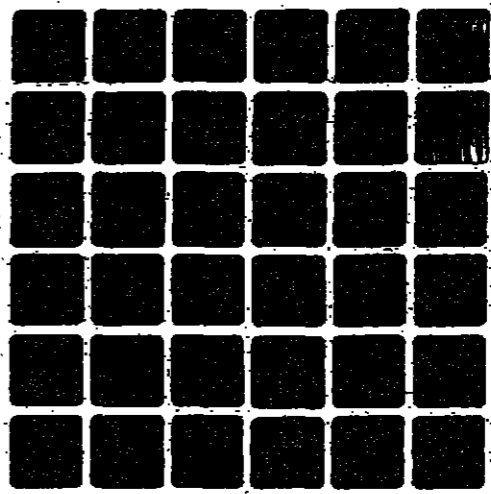
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### Stopping your own business

For the past few years we have been urged to start our own businesses and many have responded. According to a recent Labour Market Quarterly, published by the MSC, self-employment rose from 1.84m in 1979 to 2.25m by March 1984, thus reversing a trend between 1971 to 1979 when the number of self-employed fell by 100,000.

Starting your own business has received plenty of coverage, but stopping your own business is hardly mentioned. As a recent Dun & Bradstreet survey showed, business failures are continuing at a record level. Total company liquidations in England and Wales for the first nine months of 1984 were 9,890, a 6.7 per cent increase over the figures for January to September 1983. Over the same period bankruptcy among firms, partnerships and individuals soared to 6,229, a massive rise of 25 per cent over the same nine months in 1983.

The penalties for getting it wrong when running your own business can be swiftness - and not only in the financial sphere. Individuals who have traded without the protection of a limited company are personally liable for their debts and can be made bankrupt. Many small businesses trade as limited companies where directors are not personally liable if the company has to go into liquidation. However, the directors will often have had to make a personal guarantee to pay back any monies

#### Corinne Julius on the perils of bankruptcy

customers and suppliers; and the more emotional and personal their involvement the more difficult it is to accept that things are not right.

Classically, a business going bankrupt will have been started by someone with a skill or trade and the desire to be the boss. Such a person is very skilled at the job, but totally lacking in financial and administration knowledge or experience. The company has to be registered for VAT, pay tax and take on employees. The undertaking is often under-capitalised and money is raised through a bank which normally insists on a personal guarantee from the principal, usually through a charge on the matrimonial home.

The business starts off quite well. A good relationship is established with the local bank manager who may then be transferred, taking the account with him, and causing communication difficulties. Companies heading for trouble often use VAT or PAYE payments to finance their business under the common misapprehension that the Inland Revenue or Customs, who collect VAT, have nothing to gain by pushing a company into liquidation or an individual into bankruptcy, yet nearly 75 per cent of all bankruptcy petitions are filed by government departments. The Revenue, DHSS and Customs are preferential creditors and demand prompt payment.

It is essential to act promptly when financial difficulties arise and to seek advice from accountants or lawyers specialising in bankruptcy or liquidation work. It may be possible to save the business or at least make arrangements to get out with the minimum of financial and emotional problems. It is vital for the small businessman to pay strict attention to cash management and important to find a good accountant.

If a petition for bankruptcy is filed the matter remains a private agony until a receiving order is made. This is then advertised and the Official Receiver is appointed to sort out the finances until a meeting of the creditors is called to decide whether the Official Receiver should stay or a private liquidator should be called in. A liquidator is normally appointed only if there is real money or assets remaining in the business. The Official Receiver will require a virtual life history from the bankrupt and a statement of affairs. There will be a public examination by the Official Receiver, which looks at all past financial transactions and the bankrupt's lifestyle, to ascertain that there has not been any intent. Creditors may attend, although they rarely do.

An undischarged bankrupt cannot have a bank account, cannot manage

of be a director of a limited company, cannot incur credit over £50 without disclosing his undischarged bankruptcy, and must live in the pocket of the Official Receiver or Trustee until his discharge. It is possible to apply to the Courts under Section 26 of the 1914 Bankruptcy Act for discharge, automatic after five years.

The trustees or Official Receiver will have the authority to dispose of all the bankrupt's assets in order to clear debts. Forced sale value generally represents only a tiny value of what goods are worth, missing little for creditors. A bankrupt is entitled to retain only the tools of his trade, clothes and bedding for himself and wife and family to a value of £250. In practice the Official Receiver will take a more considerable view.

Banks are not keen to be seen making people homeless. They usually play fair where the family home has been put up as security, but only if they think that their erstwhile customer has been honest with them. Recent experience shows that bank managers are themselves under pressure and seem to be taking a tougher line.

If a possession order is made for the property, it does at least obligate the local authority to re-house the family. Frequently the wife has agreed to put up her jointly-owned home as security. It is usually the husband's business, without thinking through the implications and all too often the family does not discuss the business financial problems.

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borrowed, the most common form being as a second charge against their home.

Bankruptcy legislation dates from the Bankruptcy Act of 1914, with some modifications contained in the 1976 Insolvency Act. The somewhat archaic procedures are due to be updated in a Bill currently before Parliament, which embraces some of the recommendations made in 1982 by the Cork Review Committee on Insolvency Law, but the present legislation makes it hard for a trader to come to an informal arrangement with creditors to avoid bankruptcy.

It is illegal to continue trading if an individual is insolvent or if a limited company cannot meet its debts or obligations. However, there is, as the Cork Review Committee states, a difficult balance to draw between the "right of an honest and prudent businessman who is prepared to work hard and continue to trade out of his difficulties, if he can genuinely see a light at the end of the tunnel, and the corresponding obligations to put up the wipers, where by continuing to trade he would be doing so at the expense of his creditors and in disregard to those business considerations which a reasonable businessman is expected to assume".

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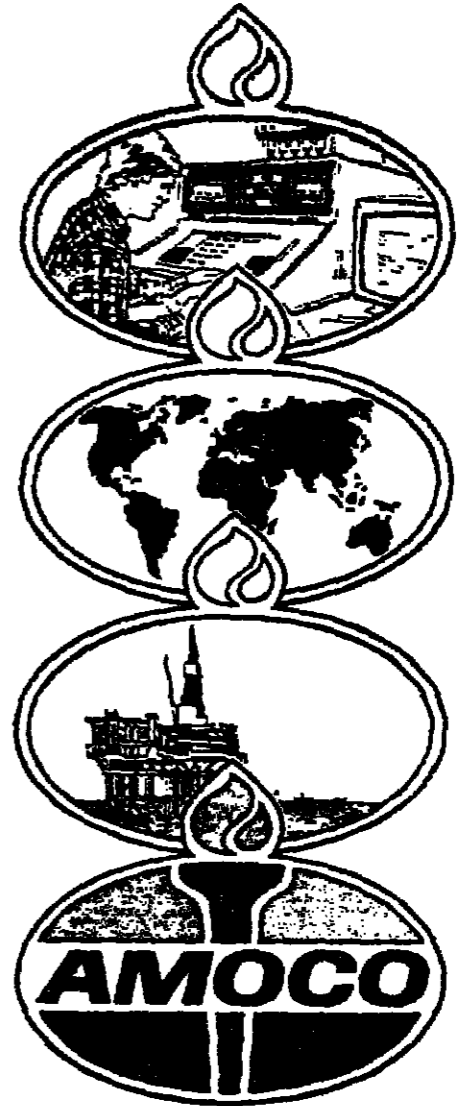
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8.00 Cee-fax. 8.20 Daytime on Two: meeting points in Germany. 9.30 The French town of Pacamy 9.55 Contrasting life in a Spanish village...

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